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Wilmington Library News:

Solar eclipse viewing party on Monday, April 8

▲ Register for our Solar Eclipse Viewing Party on April 8 at 3 p.m.! Enjoy solar eclipse activities and snacks for all ages and get a great view of the eclipse! Glasses will be available, while supplies last. (Courtesy photo)

Adult Programs

Needleworkers at Night
Monday, April 1, 6 p.m.
These nighttime sessions are perfect for anyone who does any kind of needle craft but can't make it to Needleworkers during the day! Drop-in. This group now meets every Monday in the cozy seating area on the first floor of the library.

Learn to Cross Stitch
Monday, April 1, 6:30 p.m.
Curious about needlework crafts but not sure where to get started? Come join Lisa Crispin, Head of Circulation, to learn the basics and get started on this buzzworthy bee project! Materials provided.

Drop-in Tech Help
Tuesday, April 2, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, April 3, 2 p.m.
Saturday, April 6, 2 p.m.
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Needleworkers
Friday, April 5, 10 a.m.
This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy a little conversation and camaraderie. Drop in.

Spring Jewelry Sale
Friday, April 5, 5 p.m. & Saturday, April 6, 9 a.m.
Join us for the Friends of the WML annual Spring Jewelry Sale — Friday, April 5 from 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, April 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Items include new and gently-worn fine jewelry pieces and men's, women's and children's fashion jewelry, all starting at just $1. At prices so low, you can find that one-of-a-kind piece, new bling to dress up an old outfit, and gifts to give.

Youth Programs

Poetry Contest Begins
Monday, April 1, All Day
Read, Renew, Haiku! The 2024 Wilmington Memorial Library Poetry Contest is happening now! All ages can submit a poem, written with the theme Conservation, Earth, or Nature in mind, now through Tuesday, April 30. Please read through our contest rules and information before submitting. Contestants can submit online or print a submission form and bring their poem to the library. If you're having any trouble, please e-mail us at *kids@wilmlibrary.org*.

A panel of judges will select winners in the following categories: Adult, High School, Middle School, and Elementary School Grades Kindergarten through 5th. Winners and honorable mentions will be invited to a Poetry Party on Wednesday, May 15 at 6pm, but all are welcome to attend. Winners will receive a book of poetry from the Friends of the Library and honorable mentions will receive a coupon for the Book Store Next Door. All ages

Wilmington Community Playgroup
Monday, April 1, 10 a.m.
Join CTI for a community playgroup where we'll work on Early Literacy skills and much, much more! Ages 0-6, siblings welcome

Preschool Storytime
Tuesday, April 2, 10 a.m.
Preschool Storytime includes books, rhymes, music and movement for ages 3-6! Ages 3-6

Lil' Bookworms
Tuesday, April 2, 4 p.m.
A book club for students in Kindergarten through Grade 2. Children will enjoy a variety of books while practicing reading and comprehension skills. Each session will end with time to socialize during a craft or activity! This month's theme is Springtime & Nature. Grades K-2

Teen & Adult Solar Eclipse Embroidery
Tuesday, April 2, 6 p.m.
Teens, bring your adults and adults, bring your teens to this fun crafting program! Learn basic embroidery and stitch a simple solar eclipse. No experience is required, but those with embroidery experience are welcome! Teens and adults

Time for Twos
Wednesday, April 3, 10 a.m.
Join us at our Time for Twos! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Age 2

Bilingual Story Hour
Wednesday, April 3, 3 p.m.
The Community Teamwork Family Resource Network is here weekly! Practice using your home language with us! Our staff will be here with an interpreter speaking Haitian Creole. At our playgroup we will work on Early Literacy skills and more! Ask CTI about any resources they can help provide for you and your family. Ages 0-6 and their caregivers

Girls Who Code
Wednesday, April 3, 6 p.m.
Girls Who Code is an organization that aims to close the gender gap in STEM fields by teaching girls to code. Over the twelve weeks you'll learn about coding, women in the STEM fields, and work together to code your own project. Grades 3-5

Financial Literacy for Kids: Allowances and Spending Plans
Wednesday, April 3, 6 p.m.
Join Reading Cooperative Bank to learn all about allowances and spending! Grades 3-6

Baby Time
Thursday, April 4, 10 a.m.
Baby Time includes books, rhymes, music and movement for children ages 0-23 months! Ages 0-23 months

Exploration Station: Solar Eclipse
Friday, April 5, 10:30 a.m.
Come enjoy this hands-on science exploration with fun fine motor skills activities! This month's theme is Solar Eclipse.

Additional Information

Book Store Next Door — Winter Hours
The Book Store Next Door is open on Wednesays and Saturdays from 10am to 4pm. Shop discount books! Paperbacks for $1 and hardcovers for $2. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library and all proceeds help support library programs.

Museum Passes
The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list on our website!

WML In-Person Programming
Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

WML Virtual Programming
The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to *wilmlibrary.org* to register or call 978-658-2967.

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It's Your Money
by Todd Brisbois

TAX PLANNING DOESN'T STOP AFTER A TAXPAYER FILES A TAX RETURN:

— PART II —

Just because a taxpayer filed a tax return doesn't mean they should forget taxes until next year. What a taxpayer does now may affect the tax they owe or the refund they may receive next year.

Here are some more tax planning pointers for all taxpayers.

Check withholding. Since federal taxes operate on a pay-as-you-go basis, taxpayers need to pay most of their tax as they earn income. Taxpayers should check that they're withholding enough from their pay to cover their taxes owed, especially if their personal or financial situations change during the year. To check withholding, taxpayers can use the IRS Withholding Estimator. If they want to change their tax withholding, taxpayers should provide their employer with an updated Form W-4. Changing withholding and having more withheld may lower their AGI and affect their tax bill or expected refund.

Make address and name changes. Notify the United States Postal Service, employers and the IRS of any address change. To officially change a mailing address with the IRS, taxpayers must compete Form 8822, Change of Address, and mail it to the correct address for their area. For detailed instructions, see page 2 of the form. Report any name change to the Social Security Administration. Making these changes as soon as possible will help make filing their tax return easier.

Save for retirement. Saving for retirement can also lower a taxpayer's AGI. Contributing money to a retirement plan at work and to a traditional IRA also reduces taxable income.

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Kelley attends NRCA Leadership Boot Camp

WILMINGTON — **Kristin Kelley**, CRR, RPR, of **Wilmington**, joined nearly 80 court reporters from state affiliates around the country at the 2024 National Court Reporter Association's (NCRA's) Leadership & Legislative Boot Camp, held in Washington, D.C., March 10-12.

She received leadership and advocacy training before heading to Capitol Hill to meet with legislative staff for Sen. Ed Markey and Rep. Seth Moulton on March 12.

NCRA is the country's leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, captioners, and legal videographers.

Last call for Wilmington Good Guy nominations

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Good Guy Committee is announcing the last call for nominations for the 2024 Wilmington Good Guy Award.

Nominations are due at 5 p.m. on Friday March 29.

Let us know whom you think deserves to be honored as this year's recipient at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Friday May, 10 at 7 p.m.

Send your nomination by email to *WilmingtonGoodGuy@gmail.com* or by postal mail to Wilmington Good Guy Committee c/o 2 West St. Wilmington, 01887

The selection will be made on April 6 and everyone who has sent in nominations will be notified as to the winner. Tickets for the dinner and event will go on sale that evening.

News and notes from WCTV

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

WCTV partnering with Second Chances Organization for a CLOTHING DRIVE!

Doing some spring cleaning and have some unneeded clothes to donate? WCTV is teaming up with Second Changes, an organization that reuses and recycles clothing, shoes, and accessories so that homeless and lower-income people feel confident and valued as they take their first steps toward brighter futures and, as a community, we can minimize the amount of apparel going into local landfills.

WCTV will be collecting donations from now until April 30, 2024. As an organization that strives to connect our community, we are aligned with Second Chance's mission of "clothing connecting community" and providing resources to those in need. There are 2 donation boxes located at WCTV. One box is located in our foyer and another donation box is located outside of WCTV in case you'd like to drop your donations after our business hours.

Please help us help our community by donating your unwanted items! Thank you in advance for your support!

Meetings covered by WCTV:

Wednesday April 3, 6:30 p.m. — Wildwood School Building Committee View on: Verizon channel 38 and Comcast channel 22.

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Facebook: WCTV: Wilmington Community Television
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Youtube: WCTV Wilmington

WCTV Channels:

Public Channel: Verizon 37, Comcast 9.
Meetings and Government Channel: Verizon 38, Comcast 22.
Access Channel: Verizon 38, Comcast 6.

To watch programs On-Demand or for more information check us out at *WCTV.org*. WCTV is located at 10 Waltham Street, Wilmington

Office hours by appointment: (978) 657-4066.
Questions about WCTV? Contact: *info@wctv.org*.

Tewksbury Memorial High School Principal's List and Honor Roll

TEWKSBURY MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

TERM 2 PRINCIPAL LIST:

ANDERSON RHIANNON 2024
BELLUCCO RAFAEL 2024
BOURQUE MACK....2024
CAMELIO ISABELLA 2024
CHASE HEATHER....2024
CROWLEY MORGAN 2024
CYR NATHAN....2024
DA SILVA ISADORA ...2024
DA SILVA JULIA....2024
DONOVAN EMILY 2024
FESTA SAMANTHA ...2024
FLAHIVE COLBY....2024
FREITAS ANTHONY 2024
GIORDANO EMMA....2024
GROVE ALEXANDER 2024
HA TIMOTHY 2024
HARRIS REBECCA ...2024
HICKEY MACKENZIE 2024
IMPINK PETER....2024
KEEFE CHELSEA 2024
KITOWICZ NICOLAS ..2024
KNYFF MAEVE....2024
LATE RENUKA....2024
LEVENSON GALIL ...2024
MALIZIA DAKOTA....2024
MANGAN CULLEN ...2024
MONTEJO LUKE 2024
MORRIS JASON 2024
NGUYEN KIMSAN 2024
NGUYEN NYKKI 2024
NICKERSON TEA 2024
ODAMS CADENCE 2024
ROBILLARD COOPER 2024
RUIZ PEREZ MARIO 2024
RUSSO GRACE....2024
SOPHON JUNISSA....2024
TRINH AVA....2024
WALLACE NADIA....2024
WOODMAN JARED ...2024
BOYCE EMALEE 2025
CASON SAMANTHA...2025
CATANZANO SALVATORE 2025
CHEVEZ AREVALO SASHA 2025
DELOREY JOCELYN 2025
DOIRON GIANNA....2025
ELOUAHI RANIA 2025
GAFFNEY KEIRA....2025
GOMES MASON 2025
KHOURIE BROOKE...2025
MANNETTA AUSTIN 2025
MERCADO GREGORY 2025
MONIZ DANTE....2025
MOURA JULIA....2025
MULLINS WILLIAM...2025
PEJIC ELENA....2025
POIRIER BELEN....2025
RUSSO ZACHARY....2025
RYDER ANDREW....2025
SALVAGGIO ZACHARY 2025
SOE ROSE....2025
THOMASSET SIERRA 2025
WALKER JAMIELYNN 2025
WILLIAMS REILLY ...2025
BAZIWE JEREMY....2026
BURNS JAKE 2026
CHAMBERS GIANNA 2026
COPPI ANTHONY 2026
DANG ALAN....2026
DOWNING ABIGAIL...2026
KOCSMIERSKY SEAN 2026
LIGHTFOOT JOHN....2026
MARTINS ETHAN 2026
MERCER JENNALISE 2026
OPPEDISANO STEVEN 2026
PETRONE MEGHAN 2026
SHANAHAN HAYLEY 2026
SHPRITZER ALLISON 2026
TODD IAN 2026
AMITO ELIZABETH...2027
ANDERSON MAYA 2027
ANDRIOLO KEVIN....2027
AREIAS LILA....2027
AVENDANO SANTIAGO 2027
AVENDANO VALENTINA 2027
BAHIZIRE VALERY ...2027
BARON NICOLE....2027
BEAUSOLEIL CRAIG 2027
BONARDI GIANNA ...2027
CALDWELL EMILY ...2027
CARRION ROBLES ADLIANYS 2027
CHANEY SADE 2027
CHAPMAN LYLA....2027
COOKE ALLISON 2027
DAIGLE KEVIN 2027
DELOREY MAKAYLA 2027
FRAZER ERIC....2027
GARABEDIAN JANE 2027
GIGANTE JAKE....2027
GREENWOOD MADISYN 2027
HA TRISH....2027
HAJDUK ZAK....2027
KEENAN JAMES 2027
LEDOUX AADEN....2027
LOCATELLI DALUZ JULIA....2027
MALONE SHAWN 2027
MARANO BROOKE ...2027
NAMUYANJA ESTHER 2027
NAZZARO SOPHIA 2027
PAULICHI ISABELLA 2027
RIZZUTI PHENIX 2027
RYAN SAMANTHA....2027
TAVERAS YEB MONICA 2027
WOLFINGER JEFFREY 2027

TERM 2 HONOR ROLL LIST:

ADAMS ALYSSA 2024
ADAMS LUCAS 2024
ALLEN PAUL 2024
AREIAS CAMERON ...2024
AUSIELLO GIANNA ...2024
BARON JOHN....2024
BENCHATER RYAN ...2024
BIELECKI JONATHAN 2024
BONE NATHANIEL ...2024
BOUDREAU REBECCA 2024
BOURGEA JOSEPH ...2024
BRADLEY JENNA 2024
BURNS CHLOE 2024
CALDERON YASMIN 2024
CAPELO SOPHIA....2024
CAPONE KAYLEE....2024
CAPPIELLO JAMES ...2024
CARLSON JULIA....2024
CASADO THALIA....2024
CIVITARESE PETER 2024
CONLEY MCKAYLA ...2024
CONTE DELIA 2024
COOKE MATTHEW ...2024
CRAIG GIANA 2024
CUMMINGS KYLE 2024
CURA RYAN....2024
DAVIS AISLIN....2024
DELLA PIANA AVERY 2024
DEVLIN ALEXIS....2024
DOIRON HALEIGH ...2024
DOUCETTE BENJAMIN 2024
DUPUIS STACY 2024
FLYNN GIANNA....2024
FORGIONE DAVID 2024
FRECHETTE KIERA 2024
GAGLIONE MICHAEL 2024
GIGANTE WHITNEY 2024
GONZALES HAILIE ...2024
HATCH BROOKE....2024
HEICHMAN CAMERON 2024
INSOGNA JEREMY ...2024
JEAN BETTINA 2024
JOHNSTON CHRISTOPHER....2024
KASULE JADEN 2024
KEARNEY CAMERON 2024
LECLERC EMMA....2024
LODER ANTHONY 2024
MAGEE JUSTIN....2024
MANSON JULIANA ...2024
MATTUCHIO NATALIE 2024
MERCURIO STEPHANIE 2024
MILLER SCOTT 2024
MOREIRA ASHLEE ...2024
NARAYANAN ASHWIN 2024
NORDBRUCH AVA....2024
OPPEDISANO LAUREN 2024
ORTIZ JAZMIN....2024
PACHECO VICTOR 2024
PAIGE CASSIDY 2024
PARMA SHEILA....2024
PATEL KUJAN 2024
PICCOLO BENJAMIN 2024
PRICE ALANA 2024
RENNELL DREW 2024
RENNELL JACK 2024
ROBSON JASMINE....2024
RUSSO NOAH 2024
RYAN EMMA....2024
SCHILLE KATERINA 2024
SENEY AJANI....2024
SHPRITZER IAN....2024
SLAGLE MATTHEW ...2024
SPINALE AVA....2024
SULLIVAN ZACHARY 2024
TAMBI SKYE BRYANA 2024
TREPANIER BROOKE 2024
VENO ALICIA 2024
WAUGH JILLIAN....2024
WHALEN REILLEY ..2024
WHITE SAMUEL....2024
YOUNG EMMA....2024
ACHILLA MAE 2025
ALVARADO LUCIA 2025
ARAYA BREANNA....2025
ARBOGAST CHRISTOPHER....2025
BARLETTA JOSEPH 2025
BURKE MADISON 2025
CADMAN ABIGAIL....2025
CARR SHAUN....2025
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CHEN VANESSA....2025
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CURRERI ANTHONY 2025
DEC JAYDEN....2025
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DONAHOE MICHAEL 2025
DUNN PAYTON 2025
FLAHERTY HELEN ...2025
FRECHETTE KALLIE 2025
GALANTE ANDREW 2025
GARABEDIAN HAZEL 2025
GRIMES SABRINA 2025
HARRINGTON AVERY 2025
HENNAWY JACY....2025
JODOIN LUC 2025
KARLBERG DAVID ...2025
KINGSTON CAMERON 2025
KONAXIS AVA 2025
LABOY NATHANAEL 2025
LAPERRIERE EMILY 2025
LEONE BROOKE 2025
LOMBARDI PHILIP ...2025
MACDONALD MOLLY 2025
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MORRIS CHARLOTTE 2025
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BERGER JONATHAN 2026
BERRY SAM 2026
BORUSHIK JULIA....2026
BOVA SOFIA....2026
BREWSTER SOPHIE...2026
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GRANT JASON....2026
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GRIMES SARAH....2026
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GUERRERO JAMIL...2026
HARRIS OLIVIA....2026
HOGAN RYAN 2026
HOLBROOK SAMANTHA 2026
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JEAN ROWLEY....2026
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KRETZENGER SOPHIA 2026
LEVENSON ARBEL...2026
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MCCARTHY ABIGAIL 2026
MCLEAN ARIANA....2026
MCNELLEY DYLAN ...2026
MELKI LAYAL....2026
MELLO CHLOE 2026
MUYANJA JEFF 2026
NELSON MAKENNA ...2026
PACHECO RICHARD ..2026
PAQUETTE MAYA 2026
PARISI VICTORIA 2026
QUARTARONE JUSTIN 2026
RODRIGUEZ VINCENT 2026
ROSA YASMIN....2026
SAUNDERS KAYLA ...2026
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SOVIE OWEN 2026
STANTON KATHRYN...2026
STEWART LUKE 2026
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AL-SADI SAMI 2027
ANDERSON JOHN 2027
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CARVAJAL BURGOS NAIARA 2027
CASEY DORI....2027
CERVERA ALEXIS ...2027
CHRETIEN DELANEY 2027
CONDON MADISON ...2027
CROWLEY COLIN 2027
CUNHA JAKE....2027
CURRERI DOMENIC 2027
DELGADO EMMA 2027
DOUCETTE JORDAN 2027
FLAHIVE ALYSSA....2027
FOWLIE ABIGAIL 2027
GARCIA ISABELLA...2027
GIANSIRACUSA CAYLEE 2027
GITTENS KAYLA 2027
GREENHOW KAYLA 2027
HATCH CAMERON 2027
HEAD ZACHARY....2027
KAPETANAKIS CHRISTOFER....2027
KAPETANAKIS MARTHA 2027
KING RYAN....2027
KINNON MAIREAD ...2027
LAMOUR BRIELLE ...2027
LARSON EVAN....2027
LOMBARDI AMELIA 2027
MACDONALD SHEA ...2027
MADSEN LAURA 2027
MAGEE JAYDEN 2027
MALFY ALEXANDER 2027
MAVROPOULOS PANAGIOTIS 2027
MCFADDEN LAILA ...2027
NDOCI MIKAELA....2027
PACHECO JOHN....2027
PANDYA JANYA 2027
PARALLE ARIANNA 2027
PARE SHYLA....2027
PASQUARIELLO JOHN 2027
PELLETIER LAUREN 2027
PHAM ISABELLA....2027
POIRIER BENJAMIN 2027
PUNTRIANO-CHUMPITAZI ALEXIA....2027
RAFFERTY MIA....2027
ROBSON ISABELLA ...2027
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SIMAO BAILEY 2027
SMITH EVAN....2027
STANTON JULIA 2027
TAMBI TIFUH 2027
THAYAAPARAN RISHAAMPAVI 2027
VENO ABIGAIL....2027
WARREN DYLAN....2027
ZWIREK CORDELIA 2027

Upcoming local events

March 27 & 28, Tewksbury Candidate Forum, 6 - 9 p.m. Town Hall. Come listen to candidates for select board, school committee, and more. Wednesday: Shawsheen and Tewksbury School Committee and Library Trustee, Thursday: Select Board, Board of Health, Planning Board, Housing Authority.

March 29, National Vietnam War Veterans Day. Join VFW Post 8164 on Town Common at noon for a wreath laying at the Vietnam Monument. All are welcome.

March 31, Indoor Easter Petting Zoo, Northeast Christian Church, Andover Street, Tewksbury. Celebrate Easter by visiting the petting zoo after the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. services on Sunday. Take pictures with bunnies, chicks, ducks, and even a piglet!

April 5, Music Bingo to benefit WOW and Billerica Cat Care Coalition. Tewksbury K of C Hall, Main Street. Tickets at *erasmusicbingo.eventbrite.com*

April 6, Strongwater Salutes Veterans Resource Fair, Strongewater Farm, 500 Livingston St., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Free. Resources and community information available for veterans and their families.

April 6, Tewksbury town election, polls open 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. More info at *Tewksbury-ma.gov*.

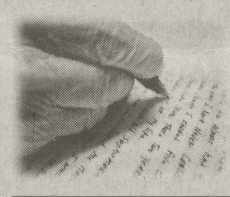
April 23, Friends of the Library Wine Tasting, 6 -8 p.m., Oakdale One Stop Liquors, $15 prepaid, $20 at the door. Help support the Friends! *friendstplibrary@gmail.com*

Thursdays and Saturdays, Public Health Museum, 365 East St., Open for indoor and campus tours. Check website for times. *Publichealthmuseum.org*

Book Store Next Door, **Wednesdays and Saturdays**, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Wilmington Public Library. All proceeds help support library programs. Next to Wilmington Public Library.

Sundays, Lowell Streetcar Museum, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Adults $3, seniors and youth age 3-12 $2, children under 3 are free. Cash only. 25 Shattuck St., Lowell.

Wilmington Town Museum, **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Harnden Tavern, 430 Salem St. (Route 62), Wilmington



Letter to the editor

Buckley, Mackey are 'independent' candidates

Dear editor,

We are fortunate to have a bevy of great candidates running for election this year. More candidates increase the marketplace of ideas and the public benefits.

For our Select Board race I am enthusiastically supporting both Jomarie Buckley and James Mackey, and I encourage Tewksbury residents to cast their votes for these two exemplary leaders.

First, while I've known Jomarie for over a decade through her charitable works, I'm especially impressed with the impacts she has made in Tewksbury as a Trustee at the State Hospital — working toward raising the discourse, partnering with the town to improve state funding, and championing the important work done there.

She has also been on the board of our Community Pantry for years. She understands the need in our town and is committed to helping people every single day. She puts the work in, not for recognition or accolades, but to genuinely give back and help our community thrive.

As an attorney who works to help vulnerable children, she brings empathy and intelligence to the table.

Second, I met James when he was running for his first term on the Select Board. I was impressed by his focus, demeanor, and professionalism. He has drilled down on important issues and taken the lead on others, contributing significantly to the work the board does.

His focus on cybersecurity brought the town incredible savings in grants and best-in-class expertise. He worked collaboratively and constructively to bring the new DPW and School Facilities garage into budget without seeking excluded debt.

He listens well to our residents, staff, and businesses and offers a pragmatic, experienced perspective across the board. It has been a privilege to work with him these last three years.

It's important to know that James and Jomarie are running independently, and have independent ideas and priorities. What unites them is excellence.

Knowing them both as well as I do and having worked with them on a variety of matters over the years, their leadership styles, ethics, values, professionalism, intelligence, accountability, and commitment to the community compliment each other well and will benefit our residents for years to come.

Please join me in voting for them both on April 6.

Thank you,
Jayne Wellman
Member, Tewksbury Select Board

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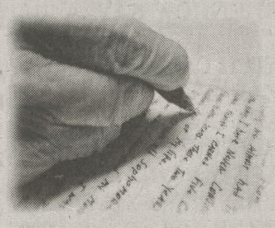
OPINION

~ No more letters for Tewksbury candidates ~

With the Tewksbury election taking place on Saturday, April 6, the Town Crier will not accept any more letters regarding candidates running for office in Tewksbury.



Letters to the editor

Local 282 endorses Buckley for Select Board

To the editor,

WHEREAS Jomarie Buckley has demonstrated a commitment to improving the lives of her fellow citizens through countless hours of volunteer work, through her devotion to children and families as an attorney for the Commonwealth, and through her dedication to the rights of working people in her community;

NOW THEREFORE SEIU/NAGE Local 282 hereby endorses the candidacy of Jomarie Buckley for Select Board of the Town of Tewksbury and respectfully urges and invites all Tewksbury voters to stand together and support Attorney Buckley by voting for her on April 6, 2024.

Signed this 21st day of March, 2024

Christopher N. Cook,
President
Local 282

Ryder has professional experience for Select Board

Dear Tewksbury residents,

I am writing this letter to support and endorse Mr. Eric Ryder for Select Board.

I have had the pleasure of calling Eric my friend for a number of years and had the pleasure of working with Eric for a few years as a member of the Tewksbury Planning Board.

During our time together on the Planning Board we worked together on a number of controversial applications but all during that time he always had the Tewksbury residents at the forefront reason of his reviews and decisions.

I worked with him on a number of issues seeing his position and we disagreed on some things but it was always what was better for the residents of this great town.

Eric will be a great Select Board member as he knows what this town needs. The professional experience he works in daily, as the DPW director of a neighboring town, gives him the foresight to make this town better than it is today.

The taxes and fees we pay in this town are getting so expensive that it's driving our senior citizens more and more in debt. We need to stop raising the cost of living here.

It is that reason why I am fully endorsing my friend and former colleague Eric Ryder for a position on the Tewksbury Select Board.

Please join me and vote on April 6 for Eric Ryder for Select Board.

Sincerely,
Vinny Fratalia

Many reasons to support Garabedian for School Committee

To the editor,

Bridget Garabedian has been a "breath of fresh air" to the Tewksbury School Committee.

If you want a School Committee member who has shown the ability to work effectively with the other members of the board, the teachers, and the unions representing them, who believes in transparency not only in negotiating contracts but in other considerations that will affect the teachers, the community and most importantly the students, then Bridget Garabedian deserves your vote.

If you want a School Committee member who is fiscally responsible so that our tax dollars are utilized responsibly in ways that benefit the students, and supports teaching and learning, then Bridget Garabedian deserves your vote.

If you want a School Committee member who will listen with an open mind, and hear your concerns, thoughts and opinions, then Bridget Garabedian deserves your vote.

These are some of the many reasons why we are supporting Bridget Garabedian for School Committee.

Joan Unger Harmon and
Jim Harmon

Mackey has expertise for Select Board

Dear fellow voters of Tewksbury,

We need only look next door to Lowell to see how vulnerable cities and towns are to hackers. Recent attacks on Lowell's municipal and school IT systems have cost our neighbors many thousands of dollars in both lost revenue and costs to fix the problem, not to mention pay to help protect their employees from identity theft.

As a realtor, I know how important it is to keep our personal information private and secure. That's why I was so impressed with Select Board Vice Chair James Mackey's work bringing the Massachusetts Army and Air National Guard Cyber Team to Tewksbury last summer. Mackey is both an Army veteran and a cybersecurity professional and was able to get Tewksbury first in line to receive the two-week-long assessment service, which saved us many thousands of dollars and showed that our IT network, water treatment plant and electricity grid are secure.

James is also the founder of the Municipal Cyber Association (*municipalcyber.org*) which is an organization that is on a mission to strengthen cyber security across municipalities.

Tewksbury is very fortunate to have James on our Select Board. We need someone with his expertise. Please join us in voting to reelect James Mackey for the Tewksbury Select Board.

Sincerely,
Joan Unger Harmon and
Jim Harmon

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Mackey has experience and independence for reelection to Select Board

To the editor,

The Select Board is where the broadest range of important decisions that affect Tewksbury are made. Some votes will change our town forever. Some are more tactical.

But in all cases we need someone who thinks about issues clearly, does the homework to understand ramifications, and is able to articulate their rationale for decisions they make. That's why I strongly support James F. Mackey III to be re-elected to serve another, even more productive, term on the Select Board.

James is an independent, thoughtful, hardworking, and experienced voice. As the town loses one longtime member, it's important to retain experience where we can.

James is an outstanding representative for all of us. He is independent and agnostic in how he approaches every issue. As a fourth-generation Tewksbury resident, James understands the town's history and character, while having a strong vision for what we can achieve together in the future.

He is an unenrolled voter, who thinks and acts independently — and always in the best interests of all residents, not a select few.

Besides his well-known cybersecurity expertise, James has worked tirelessly to improve the town's sewer and water infrastructure, as well as the operation of the DPW. He understands the gravity of the water system issues we face, a problem that will only become more expensive to fix if we wait versus spending the money necessary to make the long-term repairs that are required.

James has a keen focus on bringing in new revenue to fund ongoing improvements while not increasing your taxes any more than is absolutely necessary. For example, he proposed and has supported efforts to bring Tewksbury Hospital into Tewksbury's water system, allowing the town to charge the Hospital for the service, bringing in new revenue while taking advantage of excess capacity and saving the Hospital the cost of operating its own water system.

It is tough to create true win/win situations, but this is a win for both sides.

James drove the redesign of the new, badly needed, DPW facility. In doing so, he saved taxpayers millions of dollars. Instead of demolishing the old building and replacing it with an entirely new structure, James pushed to reuse the existing building for vehicle storage and a wash bay. This lowered construction costs by millions while still bringing the old facility up to current safety standards for the people who work there.

Now, we can protect and maintain the expensive equipment the DPW needs to do its important work.

Character is always a major consideration when selecting our leaders. In a time when smears and innuendo are delivered by anonymous emails, snail mail, or social media to influence people's perceptions, it is refreshing to have a trustworthy candidate who says what he means, and means what he says.

As a U.S. Army veteran, James always acts with the highest ethical standards.

It is impossible to make every stakeholder happy all the time. A Select Board member must take into account the needs of the entire town when making decisions. You can trust that James brings old fashioned, non-political integrity to every vote.

He does the homework we all want our representatives to do to make informed decisions.

From my perspective, I want every Select Board member to think and vote independently. We have the responsibility as voters to select the best available people to represent us.

If we don't like a particular decision made by the Select Board, we need to ask ourselves if they made it for the right reasons. That is all we can ask of the representatives we have chosen to speak for us.

I ask you to think carefully about your choices for Select Board this year. We have two seats to fill and four candidates. It takes only three votes for a major decision to be made. Don't we want five individuals who make their own independent choices with the Town's best interests at heart? I think we do!

I urge you to look into all the candidates and decide who will best represent your interests in the years to come.

I'm voting for James F. Mackey III. I urge you to join me to keep his experienced, thoughtful, hardworking, independent voice where it deserves to remain: on the Tewksbury Select Board.

Regards,
Bruce Shick
29-year resident
Vice Chair Open Space and Recreation Committee
Facilities Chair 100 People Who Care Tewksbury
Former Chair Trahan and North School Reuse Committee

Family proud to endorse Mackey for another term

Dear editor,

James F. Mackey III is running for re-election for the Tewksbury Select Board. James is a fourth-generation resident of Tewksbury, and as "senior" members of his family, we proudly endorsed him to serve for another term.

James is a U.S. Army veteran, having proudly served his country for 13 years. His former Commander characterized him as "demonstrating integrity and a commitment to excellence" that made James a valuable member of their team.

For the past three years, James has used these skills as well as his knowledge and experience to become a valuable member of the Select Board team. He brought new ideas and energy to the Board, and he is involved in the town's Veterans Affairs, having championed recently expanded elderly and veteran tax benefits.

In addition, James' efforts:

Led to a cost savings of roughly $8 million on the DPW and School Department building and renovation project, without compromising quality.

Tripled the annual water main replacement rate to help bring Tewksbury clean and reliable water.

Secured roughly $250,000 in grants and donations for vital cyber-security improvements.

James initiated and oversaw Phase 1 of the new town website, making information more accessible for residents. He forged a partnership with the Massachusetts Army National Guard to help keep Tewksbury data and infrastructure secure.

For these reasons, we ask you to keep James as a member of the Select Board for three more years.

We know James as a strong, caring, independent, intelligent gentleman who is always ready to listen, learn, and help others. He is dedicated to the betterment of our community and is invested in long-term improvements. He would like to remain on the board to continue working on more projects for our town.

We ask you to please consider joining us and vote for James F. Mackey III to be reelected for the Tewksbury Select Board on Saturday, April 6.

Thank you,
Rita Mackey O'Brien Dee
Allie Mackey Casazza
Carol Lombardi Mackey
James F. Mackey I

Ryder has budget skills to serve on Select Board

To the editor:

I am writing this endorsement of Eric Ryder for the Tewksbury Select Board. Eric has been a Tewksbury resident for 23 years. He and his wife, Serina, are raising three boys (Blake, Andrew, and Grayson) here in Tewksbury.

Eric will use his talents to make sure Tewksbury will always be the same town that they chose to raise their family.

Eric has actively volunteered his time and efforts in youth sports to coach Tewksbury kids to play basketball, baseball, and football. He has also served as a Planning Board member and an Elementary School Building Committee member.

Eric's main job skill is managing municipal finance and budgeting. He started out at age 18 working for the DPW in Lowell. He has worked his way up the ladder to where he is familiar with all aspects of running a DPW. He is currently the DPW Director in Hudson, MA.

He manages a $16 million annual budget. He also manages a $46 million capital project budget. He knows how to dissect a budget, what questions to ask and how to identify potential opportunities for saving. He has continued to improve his job skills in areas that will benefit local government.

Tewksbury needs a person with his experience on the Select Board to control spending so that we, the taxpayers, the elderly, and veterans can afford to stay in Tewksbury. Please vote for Eric Ryder for the Tewksbury Select Board.

Joan Unger &
Jim Harmon

Buckley 'reasoned, sincere and committed'

To the editor,

I strongly urge Tewksbury voters to elect Jomarie Buckley to our Select Board on Saturday, April 6!

In the time I've known Jomarie, I have found her to be reasoned, sincere, and committed. She believes in personal responsibility and has both the vision and experience necessary to help steer us in the right direction.

Her professional background fosters critical thinking and working through differing views in a respectful and appropriate manner, without compromising her values. We need more of that today.

It's not about being right; it's about doing the right things for our town.

Jomarie undoubtedly possesses the character and commitment to help make Tewksbury the best it can be. That is not always the case today, with fewer people interested in serving their community.

I know she is the right person at the right time, and will make our Select Board a stronger, more well-rounded body.

Join me in supporting her candidacy for the Select Board on Saturday April 6!

Respectfully,
Todd Johnson

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OBITUARIES

Ralph E. Belmore, Jr.

Served in Korean War as a radio operator

Ralph E. Belmore, Jr., age 92, of Wilmington passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on March 19, 2024.

Ralph was born on Feb. 29, 1932, a Leap Year baby, in Somerville; he was the dear son and only beloved child of the late Ralph & Mildred (Carroll) Belmore.

In 1963, his family moved to West Street in Wilmington, the place he called home for more than 61 years. Ralph attended Wakefield Public Schools and was a graduate of Wakefield High School class of 1950.

Ralph is remembered for his courageous service in the Korean War where he enlisted from 1952-1954. Ralph was inflight on a C46 US Army transport plane serving as a radio operator, when it dived into the ocean three miles off the coast of Myho, Japan on Thanksgiving eve in 1953; he was one of many that survived.

Ralph wed Ella Daley, the love of his life, on May 10, 1958 and they were blessed with 65 glorious years together. Together they brought into the world five children: Cheri, Darlene, Bob, Brian, and Lorraine.

Ralph was employed at Avco and Raytheon, an engineer for missile defense. He retired from Kevlin Manufacturing in 2002, which he referred to lovingly as his second family.

Ralph's favorite hobbies included long hours spent working on broadcasting his radio station and recording music with his band, The Boston Boys.

He was a proud owner of multiple ice cream stores, known locally as Ralphs's Dairy Delights.

He enjoyed many vacations in Tabusintac, New Brunswick with loved ones and cruising with family at his side to Bermuda and the Caribbean.

He was known to be a food connoisseur, with family warmly remembering his love for chocolate buffets at midnight.

He also enjoyed the yearly circus and rodeo trips with his children and grandchildren, fireworks, amusement parks and on any day of the week watching sports, his favorite especially being football.

His family will always cherish the memorable tradition that will continue to be passed down through the years; every Christmas Eve the jolly PAPA known and loved by all, would put on his red suit, and bring chaos to the sleeping grandchildren by throwing candy canes, ringing bells and chanting Ho, Ho, Ho!

A loving father, uncle, cousin and friend, Ralph's famous words were, "Look what I created!" referring to his family and humorously forgetting to credit his wife Ella.

He leaves behind his three daughters and two sons — Cheri and her husband John S. Bartlett III, Darlene and her husband Richard Langone, Ralph (Bob) and his wife Reva Belmore, Brian and wife Eugenia Belmore, and Lorraine and her husband Levon Kazelyan.

Ralph was the loving grandfather of 11 grandchildren — Jason Langone, Bryan Langone, Matthew Langone, Jonathan Langone, Richard Langone, John Bartlett IV, Jillian Steeves, Ashley Belmore, Levon Kazelyan, Chantelle Kazelyan and Monique Kazelyan — they will forever remember "Papa," "Pop" & "Big Papa."

Ralph adored his nine great grandchildren, Jack, Dylan, Ariella, Brooke, Bryson, Maddie, Caden, Aubrey, and Ava.

Family and friends gathered for Visitation on Friday, March 22 from 4 - 7 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Avenue (Rt. 62), Wilmington. Funeral services were held at the Funeral Home on Saturday, March 23 at 10:30 a.m. and concluded with Military Honors. Interment took place in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit our website at *www.nicholsfuneralhome.com*

Dominic L. Paparo

Served in the United States Army

Dominic L. Paparo, age 86, of Tewksbury, formerly of Wilmington, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family on March 25, 2024, at the Sawtelle Hospice House, following a brief illness.

Dominic was the beloved husband of 58 years of Jacqueline (Wastaferro) Paparo, always a great father to daughter Karen (Paparo) McDonald and her husband Charles McDonald and Donna (Paparo) Snow. He leaves behind his grandsons Michael Dominic Adam and Noah Robert Snow and his great-granddaughter, Karmen Gail Adam.

Dominic was born in Somerville on March 7, 1938; he was the son of the late Attilio and Betina (Gimigliano) Paparo. Dominic was raised in Somerville along with his sister, Mary (Paparo) Geer. He graduated from Somerville High School with the Class of 1955.

Dominic spent most of his adult life raising his family in Wilmington before relocating to Tewksbury.

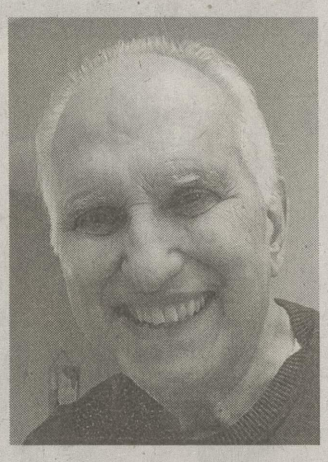
Dominic retired from the New England Telephone Company after approximately 40 years. He also honored his country, serving in the U.S. Army from 1958-1961.

In his younger years, Dominic enjoyed biking, hunting, fishing, teaching at the Cambridge Caballeros drum corps, Square Dancing, and traveling.

He donated his elk antler mount from his hunting trip in Wyoming to the Elks Club in Tewksbury, where he was a life-long member.

Dominic enjoyed traveling to Las Vegas; his favorite place to stay was the Flamingo and Bugsy's Bar was the common meeting place for friends and family.

Dominic's friends know him for his infectious smile; he and Jacqueline could be found at their favorite local restaurants including Jon Ryan's Pub, Tremezzo's, Kitty's, and Rocco's, where he made many friends with both patrons and staff. Dominic's sense of humor was enjoyed by all.



Family and friends will gather for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Thursday, March 28 from 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. immediately followed by a Funeral Service in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington at 11:00 a.m. Interment with Military Honors will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Dominic's name may be made to the Sawtelle Family Hospice House, 320 Haverhill Street, Reading, MA 01867.

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Donald B. 'Don' Churchill

Served in the US Army during Koren War

Donald B. "Don" Churchill, age 94, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away on March 23, 2024.

Don was born on Sept. 11, 1929, in Chelsea; he was the son of the late Samuel P. and Ethel Mae (Garland) Churchill. Don was raised in Chelsea and graduated from Chelsea High School.

Following high school, Don enlisted in the U.S. Army on April 19, 1951. He proudly served during the Korean Conflict for two years. Don was honorably discharged on April 18, 1953, and returned home to his family.

Don met his beloved wife, Flora L. (Marshall) Churchill through mutual friends; they got married and lived in Everett for a few years before settling in Wilmington.

Don and Flora purchased their family home on Lawrence Court in 1959, where they raised their two boys, Don, Jr., and David. Don and Flora lived in their home for over 60 years and made many wonderful memories with their family and friends.

Don worked as a supervisor for Boston Edison for 39 years.

Don and Flora were devoted members of the Wilmington United Methodist Church. Don served as the church sexton, as well as several committees for church functions and special events. Don donated a sound system to the church and was there each week to operate the system for the Sunday service.

Don was very involved in his community; in his younger years, he belonged to the Robert Lash Lodge A.F. & A.M. in Chelsea. After moving to Wilmington, he joined the Friendship Lodge A.F. & A.M., where he belonged for over 60 years. Don enjoyed the friendships he made at the lodge and was proud of the volunteer work the Masons did around the community.

In his spare time, Don enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his wife, "Floey" as he called her. They spent many years traveling the U.S. and saw most of the 50 states. Don also loved to tinker around his house and could fix mostly anything.

Don will be remembered as a quiet gentleman; he was kind to everyone he met and made them feel comfortable in his presence. He will be missed by his family and friends.

Don was the beloved husband of 70 years of the late Flora L. (Marshall) Churchill, devoted father of Donald B. Churchill, Jr. and his wife Gayle of Alton Bay, NH, and David W. Churchill of Windham, NH, loving "Grandpa" of Matthew Churchill and partner Maddie Dalgliesh, Kelsey Churchill, Jonathan Churchill and his wife Ioana, Amy Webb and her husband John, and Jeffrey Churchill and his wife Meagan, "Great-Grandpa" of Nolan and Scarlett, dear brother of Lloyd Churchill, M. Diane Maria of Revere, the late Elizabeth Sheehan and her husband Dan of Malden, the late Jean Smith, the late Richard Churchill, and the late Eleanor McMurrer.

Don is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will gather for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62), Wilmington on Saturday, March 30 from 12:30 - 2 p.m. immediately followed by a Funeral Service at 2 p.m. Interment will follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

Memorial donations in Don's name may be made to the Wilmington United Methodist Church, 87 Church Street, Wilmington, MA 01887.

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Mass. Good Neighbor Energy Fund experiencing increase in applications

CANTON — The Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund is appealing to Massachusetts' residents and businesses to make a donation to the Fund's 2024 "Give the Gift of Warmth" campaign due to a heightened urgency of need brought on by lower temperatures and higher prices for necessities like food, rent and utilities.

The Good Neighbor Energy Fund provides energy assistance to Massachusetts households that, because of temporary financial crisis, cannot meet a month's energy expense and are not eligible for state or federal energy assistance funds.

The 39th annual campaign is a cooperative effort between the Fund's 18 sponsoring energy companies, the general public and the corporate community to raise $500,000 and help an anticipated 1,500 households.

"Each of us can help the Fund respond to the increasing needs of our struggling neighbors throughout the state who are inquiring about energy assistance," said Marie McCabe, Chairperson of the 2024 Good Neighbor Energy Fund campaign and Customer Service Representative for North Attleborough Electric Department. "The winter season, in combination with the increased costs of living, has made it harder for many moderate-income households to make ends meet."

Since its inception, the Fund has raised more than $24.5 million to provide over 94,850 households with emergency assistance. Residents and businesses that wish to support the Fund and "Give the Gift of Warmth" are encouraged to use the green Good Neighbor Energy Fund donation envelope found as an insert in monthly energy bills or scan the QR code found on the envelope.

Some energy companies offer an 'add a dollar' program which allows customers to contribute on their monthly bill payment by one dollar or more. Those interested can also donate online by visiting *magoodneighbor.org* or simply mail a check, payable to "Good Neighbor Energy Fund," to Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund, c/o The Salvation Army, 25 Shawmut Road, Canton, Massachusetts 02021-1408.

Participating energy companies support their respective customers' generosity through various giving programs.

The Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund is often the last resort for families who do not qualify for federal and state assistance programs. The Salvation Army Massachusetts Division, which administers the Fund for the sponsoring energy companies, pays the energy provider directly for households whose gross income is within 60 - 80 percent of the state's median income levels.

For example, a household size of 4 would need to have a total gross yearly income of between $87,294 and $116,392 to qualify. This campaign year's Fund disbursement is $400 per eligible household per heating season.

For more information about how to apply, visit your local Salvation Army Corps Community Center *(salvationarmyma.org)* or call 800-334-3047 if you live in area codes 508, 617, 781 or 978 or 800-262-1320 if you live in area code 413.

To learn more about how to make a donation, visit *magoodneighbor.org*.

Senate passes bill to prevent abuse and exploitation online

BOSTON — The Massachusetts Senate unanimously passed An Act to prevent abuse and exploitation. This bipartisan legislation would criminalize the sharing of sexually explicit images or videos without an individual's consent and implement a comprehensive educational diversion program designed for adolescents on the consequences of posting indecent visual depictions online.

"Our digital reality is rapidly evolving, and I am proud to support this legislation that will help protect individuals from harm caused by the dissemination of illegal and inappropriate images online. It is critical that we recognize the growing number of ways individuals can be abused and coerced through online platforms, which is why I am grateful for the educational component that will ensure our youth understand the gravity of these actions from an early age," said State Senator Barry R. Finegold (D-Andover).

The bill, S.2703, increases the allowable fine for unlawful distribution of indecent images, and rein in coercive control of abusers.

More information on S.2703 can be found here: *https://malegislature.gov/PressRoom/Detail?pressReleaseId=68*

State Senator Barry Finegold represents Andover, Amesbury, Haverhill, Merrimac, North Andover, Tewksbury, and Wilmington. Sen. Finegold chairs the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

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Book Stew Review

'Wandering Stars' by Tommy Orange

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

This sequel to Native author Tommy Orange's brilliant 2018 debut novel "There There" stands up well next to the original — at least, the second half does.

The first half recounts the difficult lives of Sand Creek Massacre survivors, their passages through the notorious Carlisle Indian School, and the family's migration to Oakland.

The second part deals with the aftermath of a shooting at an Oakland powwow, which was the seemingly hopeless conclusion of "There There," when young teenager Orvil is left mortally wounded and addicted to painkillers, and his grandmother, great aunt, and two brothers are almost as devastated and unable to return to their prior modicum of happiness.

The novel's focus on addiction and a life of recovery also demonstrates the strength generated by family love and acceptance and by friendship and by music and by simply living outside.

We are solidly in the heads of grandmother Opal, Orvil, and his younger brother Lony, and the pages so strongly convey their highest

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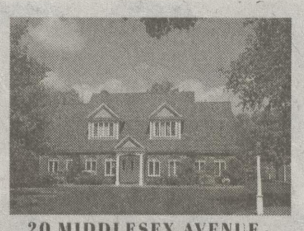
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GET READY FOR THE SOLAR ECLIPSE THIS APRIL

▲ Solar eclipse glasses are a must for viewing the total solar eclipse. Only ISO certified glasses or viewers are recommended. Local libraries, Lowes in Lowell, and the Museum of Science have glasses available for the April 8 eclipse event. Set aside some time that afternoon from 2:30 - 4 p.m. to observe the effects! (Paige Impink photo)

By PAIGE IMPINK
News Correspondent
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The total solar eclipse will occur on Monday, April 8, 2024. A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the sun and the Earth, darkening the sky as the sun is blocked. The entirety of totality of the eclipse will last for 268 seconds, according to Michael Bakich of *Astronomy.com*.

His tip? "Don't try to take a picture!" In other words, this is a once in a lifetime experience you won't want to miss by fumbling trying to use your camera or phone.

Why so much emphasis on this eclipse? There will not be another total solar eclipse until 2044. While Massachusetts will not be in the path of totality, there will still be a portion of the eclipse to view. Many people are heading to Vermont and parts of New Hampshire in order get closer to full totality.

In Massachusetts, the moon is expected to block out the sun at approximately 3:29 p.m., with partial coverage expected to last from 2:16 to 4:39 p.m. EST.

The eclipse should only be viewed with special glasses or an improvised device. Never look at an eclipse with your naked eyes — sunglasses are not appropriate protection.

According to NASA, viewing any part of the bright sun through a camera lens, binoculars, or a telescope without a special-purpose solar filter secured over the front of the optics will instantly cause severe eye injury. If you don't have glasses, you can improvise by punching a hole in an index card, and with the sun at your back, hold the card and project the sun's image on a surface nearby.

A piece of paper or posterboard can work as a surface to project upon, and then move the card to see the image. Only for the brief seconds of totality can the eclipse be viewed without eye protection.

Experts do not recommend purchasing eyewear from large online retailers and instead seeking out a local library, Lowes in Lowell, or the Museum of Science if you are at risk of running out of time. Special-purpose solar filters must meet an ISO 12312-2 international standard to be considered safe to use.

If you still have your glasses from the 2017 solar eclipse they can be used. Glasses typically should only cost $2-3 but last-minute purchases might have costs inflated.

One unexpected occurrence during an eclipse is a sudden drop in temperature. When the umbra, or dark inner circle of the eclipse passes overhead, temperatures can drop by ten degrees or more. It has been observed that winds die down, and birds become quiet, thinking it is time to roost.

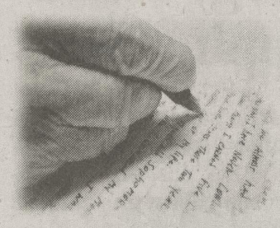
Scientists have also seen nocturnal animals becoming agitated or erratic as they react to the sudden change in daylight and temperature change. Don't be surprised if your cat or dog suddenly appear nervous as darkness descends.

Viewing an eclipse can be impacted by weather. If there is inclement weather, cloud cover will obscure the view, but the effects of rapid darkness and then returning light will still be experienced.

The Tewksbury Public Library will be holding an eclipse viewing picnic on April 8 starting at 2 p.m. Eclipse glasses will be provided for attendees, but registration is required. However, residents may stop by the Reference Desk beginning Monday March 25, while supplies last, to pick up one pair of eclipse glasses if they cannot make it to the event.

Wilmington Memorial Library will hold a party on the same day from 3 - 4 p.m. and will also have glasses available while supplies last.

For information about the path of the eclipse including interactive maps, visit the National Solar Observatory at *nso.edu* or NASA at *science.nasa.gov* or *astronomy.com*. Get your folding chair, grab some snacks, and get outside for the 2024 total solar eclipse!



Letters to the editor

Ryder brings 'unique perspective' to town issues

Tewksbury residents,

I am writing this letter in support of Eric Ryder for Tewksbury Select Board. I have known Eric personally for over a decade and has been my go-to person to discuss infrastructure, water and sewer, and zoning issues.

Eric brings a unique perspective to town issues having experience as the current Director of Hudson DPW and recently serving on the Tewksbury Planning Board. Eric consistently explains both sides of the issue, regardless of his opinion, to give a clear picture so you to come to your own conclusion.

Eric is also heavily involved with many Tewksbury youth sports organizations. I have coached with and against Eric across multiple sports in town, with "Coach E" having coached my son in football, basketball, and baseball.

As current Tewksbury Boys Basketball League President, 8-year member of the Tewksbury Youth Baseball Board of Directors, and father, I have seen his dedication firsthand. Eric consistently puts the kids' experience first, making sure they learn the game, work hard, be a good teammate, and most importantly, have fun.

I was ecstatic when Eric approached me last summer and said he wanted to put in to coach 3rd/4th grade basketball with his son, Andrew, even though his boys had aged out of the program with Eric having multiple other obligations. For Eric to come back to the program and spend hours a week volunteering gives me no doubt that he will have our children's current and future interests in mind when making any decision as a member of the Tewksbury Select Board.

Please join me April 6 in voting for ERIC RYDER for Tewksbury Select Board!

Sincerely,
John Pasquariello

Buckley can be strong leader for town

Dear Tewksbury residents,

We are writing in support of Jomarie Buckley for the Tewksbury Select Board. We are confident she will be a strong leader for our town as she brings a wealth of knowledge and experience.

Her intellect, interpersonal skills, strong work ethic and genuine care for others makes her a tremendous asset for the board.

We are honored to help champion her election efforts and feel she will be a truly effective leader for our town.

Please join us in supporting Jomarie and casting one of your votes for her on Saturday, April 6, 2024!

Sincerely,
Phil & Krissy Polimeno

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2024 NISSAN **SENTRA S**
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Tewksbury Teacher Association negotiations continue

By ROSALYN IMPINK
News Correspondent

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Teachers Association and Tewksbury School Committee met for a sixth round of open contract negotiations for the 2024-2027 school years on March 19, 2024.

In December, the committee and the TTA met in a closed session to agree to rules for negotiations. For the first time, negotiations will be held in open session, and meetings will be recorded and live-streamed by Tewksbury Telemedia when staffing allows. Both sides will be able to caucus privately in executive session.

Bridget Garabedian and Rich Russo represented the School Committee, and were joined at the table by Superintendent Brenda Theriault-Regan, Assistant Superintendent Lori Mc Dermott, Business Manager Dave Libby, and Town Manager Richard Montuori. Attorney Rosann DiPietro served as legal counsel for the committee.

The negotiation started with discussion of the Educational Support Personnel (ESP) contract. The TTA sought more language clarity on how ESPs will receive additional pay for providing substitute coverage for teachers, and stated a preference for a percentage-based longevity bonus rather than a set stipend.

The TTA also discussed a district proposal to standardize the ESP workday to seven hours and increase annual workdays to include professional development; the district agreed to provide more information on how the out-of-school hour would be used for prep time and other duties.

Negotiators on both sides of the table discussed stipends for such classes as first aid and CPR; the TTA felt that more advanced classes warranted stipends, while Theriault-Regan said that several trainings are offered by the district.

The TTA also sought to double the stipend for aides who ride the bus with special education students. ESPs continued to reject a district proposal allowing principals to assign ESPs as substitutes, rather than waiting for volunteers; the district proposed to allow half day sick days in exchange.

Negotiators then turned to the teacher contract. The TTA continued to hold against the district's proposal to add an extra paid half hour to the teacher workday to incorporate prep time and other duties, and instead proposed adding more half days to accommodate prep time.

Teachers raised concerns over equity between prep time for grades K-4 and 5-12. Theriault-Regan said that more half days would put the district at risk of missing the threshold of required instructional hours, while teachers countered that a schedule could be devised to keep the district above the minimum hours required, and a slight reduction in instructional time to allow for more prep time would greatly improve the student experience.

Several items are still being discussed, including language on open houses, but both sides were able to come to an agreement on a bereavement policy allowing up to five days per loss. The TTA also made a counteroffer to allow one personal day per year to roll over to the next year, up to five years.

Regarding teacher salaries, the TTA proposed a seven percent pay raise in the first year of the contract, down from the eight percent requested in previous negotiating sessions. The district proposed a 3.5 percent raise in the first year, followed by three percent in each remaining year.

TTA co-vice president Emily Noel noted that Garabedian and others on the School Committee had visited the Wynn to learn more about the teacher workday, and said members appreciated the committee's outreach and willingness to engage. Member Rich Russo said he felt that 90 minute negotiations were too short to be able to meet the June 30 deadline for settling the contract, and asked negotiators to consider efficiency and a faster timeline.

The next session is scheduled for April 2, 2024. Watch negotiation sessions at *www.youtube.com/TewksburyTV*.

Additional funds for Livingston Street sidewalks

By PAIGE IMPINK
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TEWKSBURY — As part of the Federal Community Project Funding appropriation that helps members of Congress fund projects in their districts, Tewksbury was awarded $850,000 to support sidewalk and safety improvements for Livingston Street.

Livingston Street is a major artery that connects East Street to Main Street and the upgrades will bridge a significant gap in the town's sidewalk network. Livingston Street is home to elderly housing, open space areas, ball fields, a playground, sprinkler pad, the town's community market, and recreation spaces for the entire community such as tennis courts and a fitness pavilion.

According to Andrew Stack, town engineer, Congress passed the final appropriations bill for FY24 in early March. Tewksbury, along with other communities, was granted funding for specific projects in line with appropriation guidelines. Such projects support a wide variety of public infrastructure initiatives and activities, including the construction and renovation of facilities, the expansion of existing programs, and funds needed to support the planning and design of future projects, according to Congressman Seth Moulton's office.

Moulton represents Tewksbury in the Sixth Congressional District.

The Livingston Street Transportation Improvement Project was submitted by the town via a grant application through Moulton's office. On March 9, 2024, President Joe Biden signed the appropriations bill into law. The Department of Housing and Urban Development will be administering the funding for this grant.

"The Town of Tewksbury is grateful for Congressman Moulton's support on this grant," said Stack.

The Livingston Street Transportation Improvement Project is a multimodal enhancement project that will create and improve pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and vehicle facilities along Livingston Street. The project scope includes approximately 4,100-feet of sidewalk along Livingston Street between East Street and Roy Way.

According to Stack, the new sidewalk will connect existing sidewalks on East Street and Livingston Street. Additionally, the roadway will be resurfaced where needed to improve the ride quality for vehicles and cyclists.

Bike lanes will be provided where there is sufficient public right-of-way. Where such space does not exist, Shared Lane Markings will be added to the roadway to improve cyclist safety, as some portions of the road are narrow.

Stack said that crosswalks will be added at various locations along the roadway to allow for pedestrian access to the new sidewalk. Crosswalks will be equipped with rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons which are triggered by pedestrians and use an LED-array. These signals improve safety at marked crosswalks. New bus shelters will also be provided at key locations along Livingston Street.

The project is currently under design through the town's consulting engineer, GCG Associates, Inc. of Wilmington, according to Stack. Other projects that received funding under this appropriation include PFAS water filtration upgrades for the Wilmington and Manchester-by-the-Sea water treatment plants, science lab upgrades for North Shore Community College, Main Street corridor upgrades for the town of Wakefield, building expansion for Essex Tech to support workforce and veteran programs, wastewater treatment plant upgrades for Rockport, and water main replacement and expansion in Groveland, among others.

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www.homenewshere.com OR masspublicnotices.org/Search.aspx

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Room 9 on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

CASE # 4-24
APPLICANT:
ALRIG USA DEVELOPMENT, LLC

REQUEST:
ASKING FOR VARIANCE UNDER 10.6 TO ALLOW A LIMITED SERVICES RESTAURANT TO DISPLAY ITS NAME AND LOGO ON A FREE STANDING SIGN IN THE GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, WHERE ONLY WALL MOUNTED SIGNS ARE ALLOWED FOR LIMITED SERVICE RESTAURANTS UNDER 3.8.5

CASE # 5-24
APPLICANT:
ALRIG USA DEVELOPMENT, LLC

REQUEST:
TO REQUEST A SPECIAL PERMIT PURSUANT TO 3.5.4 UNDER 3.8.5 AND 10.5

240272 3/27, 4/3/24

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting will be held in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., in compliance with provisions of MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, and 310 CMR 10.00 on a Request for Determination of Applicability, filed by the Town of Wilmington, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, owner & applicant. This filing is to remove the existing turf field and install a new turf field. The work is within Riverfront Area and the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This property is located at 159 Church Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 63 Parcel 10. A copy of the application is on file at the Department of Planning & Conservation, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Donald Pearson, Chair
Conservation Commission

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting will be held in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 7:10 p.m., in compliance with provisions of MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, and 310 CMR 10.00 on a Request for Determination of Applicability, filed by William Goglia, 21 Dell Drive, Wilmington, MA 01887, owner & applicant. This filing is to remove the existing in-ground pool and fill the area with crushed stone and patio blocks. The work is within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This property is located at 21 Dell Drive, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 17 Parcel 42. A copy of the application is on file at the Department of Planning & Conservation, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Donald Pearson, Chair
Conservation Commission

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting will be held in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 7:15 p.m., in compliance with provisions of MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, and 310 CMR 10.00 on a Request for Determination of Applicability, filed by Richard McHugh, 29 Marjorie Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, owner & applicant. This filing is to replace the existing septic system. The work is within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This property is located at 59 Church Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 41 Parcel 2. A copy of the application is on file at the Department of Planning & Conservation, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Donald Pearson, Chair
Conservation Commission

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON SELECT BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held before the Select Board in the Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Room 9, Wilmington, MA at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2024 on the application of Jill Elmstrom Mann, Mann & Mann, PC, on behalf of ALRIG USA DEVELOPMENT, LLC to Remove Earth Products on land situated at 208 Main Street, Wilmington, MA, and further described as Parcels 178B and 178C, on Assessors' Map 44 and shown on a plan on file with the application for said permit.

Gary B. DePalma
Select Board

240332 3/27, 4/3/24

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for furnishing the following item will be received at the Office of the Town Manager, Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887, until **April 25, 2024, at 10:00am** where and when they will be publicly opened and read:

Forest Street Water Main Rehabilitation Project

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the Town of Wilmington Purchasing Department website: https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/purchasing-department

All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including, but not limited to G.L. c.30, §39M.

File original bid with the Town Manager, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887.

Mark each envelope: **"Forest Street Water Main Rehabilitation Project – Bid Opening April 25, 2024 at 10:00am"**

Each Bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a BID BOND, CASH, or, CERTIFIED CHECK issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price.

A performance bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total amount of the contract price with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, as well as a labor and materials bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total contract price.

Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 through 27D inclusive.

Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the awarding authority to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.

Purchases by the Town of Wilmington are exempt from any Federal, State, Municipal and/or excise tax.

The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids.

The Town of Wilmington reserves the right to waive any formality and/or to reject any or all bids or any parts thereof deemed not to be in the best interest of the Town of Wilmington.

Lou Cimaglia,
Temporary Town Manager

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

INVITATION FOR BIDS

WINDOW REPLACEMENT HARNDEN TAVERN WILMINGTON

Sealed bids for furnishing the following item will be received at the Office of the Town Manager, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, until the time specified below at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read **Window Replacement Project, Harnden Tavern, April 11, 2024 @ 10:00 AM**

Each Bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a BID BOND or CERTIFIED CHECK issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price.

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained electronically by visiting the Town of Wilmington website (http://www.wilmingtonma.gov/purchasing-department). Only after subscribing electronically, hard copies of the documents may be obtained from the **SOCOTEC AE Consultants, LLC, 75 Hood Park Drive, Suite 300, Charlestown, MA 02129, contact: Andrew N. Barr, 617-686-9369**, for a non-refundable fee of $100, plus $35 for mailing (checks shall be made payable to SOCOTEC).

Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visit will be held at the Harnden Tavern, 430 Salem St, Wilmington, MA on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 11:00 AM.

A performance bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total amount of the contract price with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, as well as a labor and materials bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total contract price.

All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including G.L. c.149, § §44A through 44H, as amended.

Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 through 27D inclusive.

Attention is further directed to the requirements of G.L. c.149, §44D requiring submission of a Division of Capital Asset Management Approved Certificate of Eligibility and Update Statement with all bids. The DCAMM Prime Contractor Certification shall be GENERAL CONTRACTING.

Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the awarding authority to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.

The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids.

The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

The Town of Wilmington
By: Lou Cimaglia, IV
Temporary Town Manager

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR RESIGNATION OF A GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON

Docket No. MI96P5624GI1

In the Interests of:
Arthur Sheldon
Of: Tewksbury, MA
RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/
Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Richard Bevins as Guardian of Arthur Sheldon of LAWRENCE, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Accept the Resignation of the Guardian of the Respondent

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **04/10/2024.** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 13, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

240317 3/27/24

Select Board approves all requests

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Select Board reviewed their communications, approved appointments and use of spaces, heard public comment, and presented the Salute to Service during their meeting on Monday, March 25.

Memos were received from the recreation department, veterans' services, Planning Board, school department, and Xfinity.

Recreation Director Brett Sawin wrote to the board to inform them that his team was advertising for lifeguards through all available channels including social media and the town website. He said the pool of high school and college students looking for summer employment was low.

Temporary Director of Veterans' Services Michael Frotten wrote to the board to ask for approval to conduct the annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27 at 10 a.m. Temporary Town Manager Lou Cimaglia mentioned the parade would start at Market Basket and end at the town common, and the services would begin at the cemetery at 11 a.m.

The board then took up the corresponding board to consider the request and voted in favor of the parade and services being held.

They also received a letter from Planning Board member Randi Holland indicating her resignation from the board. Included was the board's letter sent in response acknowledging her resignation and service to the community. Cimaglia shared that Holland served on the Planning Board for more than 20 years.

He also mentioned that Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich had begun reaching out to residents who may be interested and qualified to join the Planning Board.

The board received an invitation to attend the Special Olympics at Wilmington High School on Friday, May 10 at 9:30 a.m. They also received a letter from Xfinity Senior Manager of Government and Regulatory Affairs Kerry Morris notifying them about channels to be removed.

They then voted in favor of ratifying the appointment of Susanne L. Clarkin to the Commission on Disabilities for a term to expire on April 30, 2027. The appointment was made by Cimaglia.

The board approved a request to place directive and promotional signs on town property for the Burlington Quilters Guild and a request to hold a fundraising car wash on behalf of the WHS Football Touchdown Club on June 9 at the Public Buildings Department.

During public comment, a resident asked if the board planned to have a meeting to discuss financial matters including the town's health insurance plan for employees and contributions to retirement. They also asked about the legality of the board voting on warrants at their meetings without stating the dollar amounts for each one.

In response to a question from the same resident about the contract language for the new town manager with respect to hiring ability, Lilia Maselli said that she could not speak about the contract because the town is in active negotiations during executive session for this purpose.

The resident also asked about the budget for the Shawsheen Tech, implying that the budget increased in correlation to renegotiating the contract with previous town manager Jeff Hull. Greg Bendel simply thanked the resident for this comment.

Lastly, the resident brought up the issue of the water main at the Swain School site. Chair Gary DePalma directed the resident to ask this question of the new town hall/school administration building committee. The resident stated in response he believed the existing grade would need to be increased about seven feet for this site.

The Salute to Service that night went out to US Army Veteran Ralph Belmore. Bendel stated that Belmore served in the army from December 1952 until November of 1954, earning recognition including the Korean service medal, presidential unit citation, United States service medal, and the national defense service medal.

Bendel also mentioned that Belmore raised five children in town and owned Ralph's Dairy Delight.

The board meets again on Monday, April 8 at 7 p.m.

Select Board hears recreation update

By ROSALYN IMPINK
News Correspondent

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Select Board met on March 19, 2024 at town hall with all members in attendance.

Town Manager Richard Montuori updated the board on the status of recreation activities provided through the town.

The town released a request for proposals for year-round recreation programs and activities utilizing or leasing the town's recreation building on Livingston Street. The bid includes use of the Saunders Recreation Complex's associated courts, fields, and grounds, and could extend to other town-owned property for activities for children and adults.

The RFP sought a firm with demonstrated previous experience in providing specified services for similar projects, preferably in Massachusetts.

A group of residents met with Montuori early in 2023 to advocate for a recreation department, commensurate with neighboring communities such as Wilmington, Billerica and Andover. Tewksbury's recreation center was closed in December of 2010 when two employees came under investigation and were subsequently prosecuted by the Middlesex District attorney's office.

The town received two responses to the RFP, from Chess Wizards and the Greater Lowell YMCA.

"Both were very good proposals, very different," Montuori said.

Chess Wizards, an Illinois-based company, has run operations in Massachusetts and teaches chess to children. Programming includes hour-long, eight-to-ten week sessions with a fee of $21-26 per session.

"They are not a group that would run multiple activities, they do one very specific thing," Montuori said. "We think it would be a good program to offer the residents."

Staff at Tewksbury Public Library is working to have Chess Wizards run a session in the spring, and the senior center is interested in hosting a program for intergenerational interaction between children and seniors. Montuori said there may be an opportunity for a 20-hour six-week chess camp during the summer.

The Greater Lowell YMCA responded to the RFP with a plan to offer programming out of the rec center and at the fields at Livingston Street. The YMCA would hope to start offering programming in the summer and ramp up operations in the fall.

Programs would include Lego, Pokemon, Magic the Gathering, dance, art, and sports skills classes — "not to compete with our youth sports," Montuori said, but to focus on development without a competitive aspect.

The YMCA also hopes to offer fitness classes for adults during the day and evening. All operations would run through the YMCA; the town would simply host the location. Classes would first be open to Tewksbury residents, then to YMCA members.

Both organizations would lease the building from the town, and Montuori expects that either venture would be cost neutral at the very least, and may generate revenue for the town.

Member James Mackey noted that the parking lot at Livingston is heavily used, and the rec center is used for voting. Montuori said that both organizations are aware that they will need to work around voting, as well as town events such as the community market and the Fourth of July celebration.

Montuori added that YMCA staff have visited the North Street and Trahan School properties, and seem to have more interest in the North Street; the Trahan is currently under the town's control, while the North Street is expected to transition from the School Committee's purview to the town in the near future.

Member Jayne Wellman recommended the board look to develop a master plan for town recreation spaces, and said that revenues from a lease could go towards supporting a recreation director position.

Chair Todd Johnson urged the board to look at liability risk, noting that a lease would provide protection for the town and partnering with reputable organizations would be beneficial.

The board plans to discuss the leases on April 9, 2024.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

AMENDMENT TO DEFINITIVE SUBDIVISION

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on hold a public hearing on **April 8, 2024 at 7:10 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by George D. Behrakis on behalf of ITYLO Trust for an Amendment to the Merrimac Drive Subdivision, to reconfigure the cul-de-sac and construct approximately 200' of roadway to enable development of two existing lots as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located on Merrimac Drive, Assessor's Maps 28 & 41, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 1, 24, 25 26, 27, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson, Chairman

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TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

MODIFICATION TO SIGN SPECIAL PERMIT (SP2023-34)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **April 8, 2024 at 7:05 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Metro Sign & Awning on behalf of BROOKECO LLC for a Modification to a previously issued Sign Special Permit pursuant to Section 6.2 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to request encroachment into the 15' right-of-way setback as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 1830 Main Street, Assessor's Map 85, Lot 140-U002, zoned Mixed Use Business.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson, Chairman

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **April 3, 2024, at 6:30 P.M., located at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street,** for a RDA application filed by Town of Tewksbury (Department of Public Works) for activities related to re-paving of existing roadways within Riverfront Area and/or the buffer zone of wetlands.

The areas subject to this application are within existing roadways, including **Trull Brook Lane, Hood Road, Longmeadow Road, Whipple Road, and Pleasant Street.**

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Joe Fontaine
Conservation Agent/Planner

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TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

FAMILY SUITE SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on hold a public hearing on **April 8, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Joseph Sodergren on behalf of Anthony Durante for a Family Suite Special Permit pursuant to Section 7.1 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to construct an addition to the existing single family dwelling for a family suite as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 56 Kent Street, Assessor's Map 58, Lot 173, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

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Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **April 3, 2024, at 6:30 P.M., located at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street,** for a RDA application filed by Yuelong Tang for activities related to the removal of trees within the buffer zone of wetlands and/or a vernal pool.

The property subject to this application is located at **14 Maplewood Road, Assessor Map 54 Lot 5.**

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

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TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FORMER TRAHAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Town of Tewksbury ("Town") is seeking proposals from qualified for profit or nonprofit developers for the lease of the former Trahan Elementary School and its redevelopment. Copies of the Request for Proposals (RFP) may be obtained during normal business hours (Monday Wednesday and Thursday 7:30AM – 4:30PM, Tuesday 7:30AM – 6:00PM and Friday 7:30AM – 12:30PM) at: Town Hall, Town of Tewksbury, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, Massachusetts 01876 Telephone: (978) 640-4300, Fax: (978)640-4302 Or email Paula Mirabella PMirabella@tewksbury-ma.gov

Proposals, in the format described herein, are due to the Town Manager's office at Town Hall no later than 2:00 PM, on Thursday April 25, 2024. No proposal received after that time will be considered for any reason. Proposals must be in sealed envelopes appropriately marked "Trahan Elementary School Reuse Proposal," are to be received not later than 2:00 PM, on Thursday April 25, 2024, to: Richard Montuori, Town Manager, Town Hall, Town of Tewksbury, 1009 Main Street Tewksbury, Massachusetts 01876. All Proposals must be complete and in compliance with the submission requirements outlined in this RFP. All leases are subject to a vote of the Tewksbury Select Board.

The Town reserves the right in its sole discretion to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informalities or otherwise unambiguous errors, and to award the contract as may be in the best interest of the Town. The Town further reserves the right to reject all proposals and later make a decision to reissue this or a revised Request for Proposals.

No one other than the Town may alter (manually or electronically) the RFP language or any RFP documents. Unauthorized modifications to the body of the bid, specifications, terms, or conditions, which change the intent of this proposal are prohibited and will disqualify a response.

The proposal must be signed by a person authorized to bind the proposal and resulting lease/contract.

The proposal must be accompanied by a signed certificate of non-collusion and other documents as included in the RFP.

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS FACILITIES AND GROUNDS TOWN FACILITY GENERATOR SERVICES CONTRACT

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for TOWN FACILITY GENERATOR SERVICES Contract will be received by the Town of Tewksbury at Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876, until 11:00 a.m. Friday, April 12, 2024, at that time and place Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Work of this contract shall consist of routine and emergency Generator maintenance and repair services, at various Town facilities between July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The contract duration is for one (1) year, with an option to renew for an additional two (2) years at the Town's discretion.

Contract Documents are available for examination on or after 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876, or by email request to aryan@tewksbury-ma.gov.

Each Bid shall be submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in form of a certified check, cashier's check, or security bond in the amount of five (5) percent of the Bid.

Bidders may not withdraw their Bids for a period of forty-five (45) days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, after the actual date of the opening of the Bids. Complete instructions for filing Bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders.

Prevailing Wage rates as determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development under the provision of the M.G.L. c. 149, §§ 26 to 27D, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before Bid opening, to request, if necessary, any additional information on Prevailing Wage Rates for those trades who may be employed for the proposed work under this Contract.

The Bidding and Award of this Contract will be pursuant to M.G.L. c. 149, sec 44A-M. The Owner reserves the right, in its absolute and sole discretion, to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids if deemed to be in its best interest.

RICHARD A. MONTUORI
TOWN MANAGER
TEWKSBURY,
MASSACHUSETTS

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THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

Docket No. MI24C0210CA

In the matter of:
Hailie Susan Gonzales

A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Hailie Susan Gonzales** of **Tewksbury MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree changing their name to:
Hailie Grace Ogunleye

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Middlesex Probate and Family Court** before **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/09/2024.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 12, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

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CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

Docket No. MI24C0128CA

In the matter of:
Julianna Rose Finn

A **Petition to Change Name of Minor** has been filed by **Julianna Rose Finn** of **Tewksbury MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree changing their name to:
Julianna Rose Mugford

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Middlesex Probate and Family Court** before **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/18/2024.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 21, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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Board approves events contingent upon approval from schools

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common, to restrict hawkers, peddlers, and transient vendors on the location, and the approval of the carnival application.

Frank West thanked Giroux and all of the volunteers who put the festivities together.

"I see no reason why not to support this," he said.

Greg Bendel commented that the committee had adapted well to the curveballs for this year's events. He said everyone was looking forward to the carnival.

Kevin Caira first asked about when equipment drop-off would begin, and Giroux reiterated that this would be June 23 to 26 to accommodate the schedule of the high school. Caira pointed out they were extending the proposed hours for setup and drop-off to end at 10:30 p.m., compared to last year when they ended at 8 p.m.

Caira asked if there would be any issues with the carnival set up but not operating during "Wilmington Night." Giroux replied that it would be safe and mostly set up, but attendees could walk around it.

Caira wondered where the food trucks would be located, and Giroux suggested they could be placed on Church Street. He also mentioned they wouldn't be able to sell anything the community booths are selling.

Caira brought up a concern about placing inflatables on the tennis courts. Giroux said that they had damage clauses in the contract and the DPW didn't have any concerns, but if there were any issues during setup they would remove the inflatables.

In response to a question about storing vehicles, Giroux said the town offered the Wildwood School or the Public Building Department parking lots for this purpose.

Caira then clarified that the board has no jurisdiction over the use of the schools or school property, so Giroux would need their permission to use the high school parking lot. Giroux shared he spoke with the superintendent and they would be working out the authorization protocol, but that he was advised to come to the Select Board first.

Lilia Maselli asked how long breakdown takes. Giroux said that the Wakefield carnival last year took until 3:30 a.m. to break down. He was requesting this year to extend until 2:30 a.m. He explained they shifted to an earlier hour when the carnival was originally moved from the old high school site, and now they wanted to revert it back.

He also shared that Andover had just lost their carnival because their vendor couldn't work with the restrictions put on them including for things like breakdown hours.

Gary DePalma suggested, in response to the concern about the school department authorization, the board could approve contingent upon the school department approving the use of the HS parking lot.

A resident spoke up to ask if the carnival vendor wouldn't be permitted to bring in materials overnight and that there would be snow fences and 'no smoking' signs. Giroux confirmed all of these things.

The board approved the conduction of the carnival contingent on the school department approval of the use of the high school parking lot, along with the restriction of hawkers, peddlers, and transient vendors on the location and the placement of promotional signs.

Another staff member may be needed to achieve goals of plan by FY26

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through training staff and implemented for students with disabilities and pilot co-teaching; and programming for multilingual learners with evidence-based programs that support and sustain students' native languages while also addressing needs and language developments.

With each practice and activity, a cost and funding source were presented. Elliott also noted that she believed the district would need another staff member in order to achieve the goals of this plan starting in fiscal year 2026. She would hope to submit the plan to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education ahead of their April 1 deadline and begin implementing the established action steps beginning this coming fall.

She also said they would use community partners to encourage participation in a survey sent to staff and the community.

Assistant Superintendent of Administration and Finance Paul Ruggiero then shared the fiscal year 2024 financial report. He shared there was less than $1 million in the balance between the amount budgeted for this fiscal year and the amount spent. However, he said most of that would be used by the end of the school year, though he was sure they'd finish the school year in the black.

M.J. Byrnes asked if there were any unexpected expenses in the budget. Ruggiero shared that he was watching their unemployment costs, and they had been sent some false claims, but he wasn't concerned with the salary amounts due.

Dr. Mike Mercaldi thanked Ruggiero for being a good steward of the school budget. He said he heard of other surrounding districts' budgets being in the red. He pointed out that there were some expenses higher than originally allocated in salaries and athletics and asked if these were expected. Ruggiero's answer pointed to the revolving athletic accounts.

Stephen Turner also commented about the accomplishment of the district being consistently underbudget.

"It's amazing how well this district does as stewards of this town's money," he said.

The committee approved requested lane changes and contractual salary increases for changing line items and a circuit breaker offset to special education tuition.

The committee will meet next on March 27.

Plan 'exemplary document' for the building of a new school

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cational space in the 21st century.

They discussed English Language Learner space, for example, which was proposed to use half-size classrooms, either to be considered segmented or adjacent space.

M.J. Byrnes commented that the plan was an exemplary document for the building of a new educational institution. She proposed some changes including creating parent pick-up space close to the cafeteria or the gym and the number of nurses proposed.

Brand replied that the plan was preliminary and there would be inevitable adjustments over the next few months on the details. He said it currently includes estimates to help the team create the appropriate space.

The SMMA representatives added that the next phase involves Brand putting together the operating expenses in conjunction with the educational plan, at which time the options will be taken into more observation. This will allow site option narrowing, especially regarding traffic concerns and drop-off circulation.

Dr. Mike Mercaldi proposed that the document be repurposed as a reference guide in the future for all schools, as it is a great snapshot from where the school district is to where it's going. Brand agreed this plan could lend itself to this purpose.

Regarding the idea of separate STEM space, Mercaldi wondered if there may be enough overlap to combine STEM with science in order to return to a five-day schedule rotation. Brand assured the committee that STEM is substantially different from science, and in a lot of other districts they do offer this separate space outside of the core program.

Mercaldi then asked if they were concerned about combining these grades on busses, and Brand answered they're aware that they have to transport students to this facility but they can design a system that fits for their comfortability.

Paul Ruggiero suggested that kindergarten students could ride with fifth grade students on the bus with proper seating order.

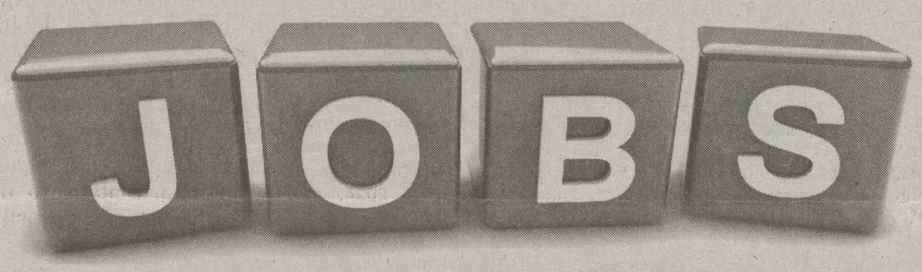
Jay Samaha asked what from this document could be incorporated onto the other side of town. Brand agreed that they should think about providing nothing less in terms of the program for students on the other side of town.

Chair David Ragsdale shared the sentiment they would have to face the reality that the students on the north side will have space that's not replicated for all students, and ultimately, they would need to address both sides of town.

Byrnes wondered if the location selected would determine the grade consolidation chosen. Lee Dore replied that they're testing the feasibility of each site in terms of what size building, parking, and playground space. They would evaluate all sites against a set of defined criteria.

Leduc said the MSBA reads through and analyzes this document very carefully and asks questions to the superintendent and the School Committee throughout their review process.

Ragsdale noted the purposeful teacher planning included in the plan. He also shared that the committee would receive a more detailed update at their next meeting.



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Planning Board discusses petitioned warrant articles

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — On Tuesday, March 19, the Planning Board held a meeting where they discussed the petitioned warrant articles put up for the annual Town Meeting on May 4.

The first part of the meeting was jointly held with the Finance Committee.

Regarding Article 29, proposing street acceptance for Green Meadow Drive, Planning Board Chair Terence Boland stated that the street is about 77,000 square feet. Later, as the Planning Board split from the Finance Committee meeting, the board voted in favor of recommending acceptance of this article, in line with their prior approval.

Article 30 is the proposed rezoning for the MBTA communities required multi-family district. This proposal involves some editing to the zoning by-law in addition to creating an overlay district in areas of Main Street, Burlington Avenue, Deming Way, and West Street to allow multi-family housing as of right.

Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich explained that the zoning is a requirement of all 117 MBTA communities, as signed by Governor Charlie Baker in 2021, for a multi-family zoning housing district of reasonable size.

She named some of the effects of noncompliance including a reduction in the Housing Authority funding and making the town ineligible for grants such as the $3.89 million Mass Works grant awarded to the town in 2021. She also shared that some of the consequences for Milton, a town who attempted to not comply, have gone beyond the list of grant programs to include legal action by the attorney general's office.

Gingrich clarified that this is a zoning requirement, not a requirement that housing be constructed. The "as of right" part means that it is allowed without a special permit, and the overlay adds this use onto what already is permitted on any parcel to which it applies. The district needs to contain 50 acres minimum, half of which must be within a half mile of a train station, with the unit capacity of 1,248 units according to the state's form.

The zoning district is divided into several subdistricts, most of which contain existing 40B developments or apartment buildings. In the portion consisting of a 40B project and apartments on West Street, the article proposes a requirement of 20-foot setbacks, a three-story height limit, and two parking spaces per unit.

On Burlington Avenue on the parcel containing Metro apartments, there is proposed a three-story height limit, 20-foot setback, and 1.5 parking spaces per unit. The section on Deming Way with existing affordable housing has a three-story height limit, 20-foot setback, and 1.25 parking spaces per unit.

The piece on Main Street includes the area between Main Street and the train tracks between the train station and the Hyundai dealership, with a two- or three-story height limit (three if the ground floor is commercial), 20-foot setback, and 1.5 parking spaces per unit.

Gingrich added that the town would need to clarify in the zoning by-law that as of right uses can't be denied in this zoning district. She also specified the zone must be approved by the end of 2024 in order to avoid financial impacts and potential legal enforcement.

When the Planning Board discussed this article separately, Boland commented that he thought it was in the town's best interest to follow the rule.

Peter Moser said he intended to vote against the zoning article at the Town Meeting, but he didn't want to discuss his opinion further.

The board's vote to support recommendation of this article passed with one vote against from Moser.

A representative presented to the two boards about Article 33 for the rezoning of a parcel from R-60 to R-20, explaining that the applicant intended to develop the parcel and potentially improve the roadway and the drainage.

The Planning Board later voted to give the article a favorable recommendation. The board further discussed the surrounding properties were all zoned R-10 and R-20.

The applicant who submitted Article 34, Kevin Barrett, stated he was requesting the sale of town-owned land on Molloy Road so that he could built a single-family home. Gingrich described the two parcels in question had open space requirements.

Town Counsel Mark Reich added context that if the property was specifically named open space property, there are additional steps before it can be disposed of including petitioning state legislature for approval and compensating the value of this lost property with another property of equal open space value.

Boland stated in the separate meeting that he'd like to recommend the parcels not be deemed surplus by the town. Their official position approved was that the board recommends the parcels not be deemed surplus, but if they are, not to be sold.

The final article considered, Article 35, pertained to a parcel to be rezoned from general business to general industrial. Boland read a letter from the petitioner stating their intent to withdraw the article, and the board made no recommendation on it.

Former Wilmington superintendent

DeLai appointed to Whittier Tech school board

NEWBURYPORT — Mary DeLai, former superintendent of schools in Wilmington, has a new job. She was recently appointed to serve on the Whittier Tech school board, which serves 10 communities. She will replace former mayor Donna Holaday, serving Newburyport.

According to a report by Jim Sullivan in the *Daily News Newport*, Holaday joined the Whittier Tech board back in October after the departure of member Joseph Haberland. She and longtime School Committee member Brett Murphy represent Newburyport on the committee.

Terms are three years and DeLai will take over starting on April 1.

DeLai most recently worked as the assistant superintendent for finance and employee engagement for the Salem Public Schools.

She left in 2022 after two years in the district.

DeLai's tenure in Wilmington did not end on the best note when she resigned as superintendent in October 2016 following an arrest for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

That incident took place in late August of that year.

As noted by then-*Town Crier* news correspondent Brendan Foley:

According to state police records, DeLai was pulled over in the evening of Aug. 25, following a 911 call from a concerned driver reporting an erratic driver nearly colliding with other vehicles. De Lai, described as having slurred speech and bloodshot eyes, blew a .19 on the Breathalyzer test, more than twice the legal limit. State officers also found an empty wine bottle in DeLai's car.

As a first time offender, DeLai's license was suspended for 45 days, she was obligated to complete multiple driver education programs and was placed on parole for a year.

This incident followed controversy surrounding Wilmington High School teacher Anthony Altieri being allowed back into the classroom after his own arrest for domestic assault.

Prior to her resignation, the School Committee met with DeLai late on a Monday night for several hours after which they released a statement that DeLai would resign.

DeLai signed her original contract on May 9, 2014, a three-year contract with an option for two-year extension (the contract would eventually be extended by an additional year, bringing DeLai to a June 2018 expiration, prior to her resignation).

A resident of Newburyport alerted members of the School Committee to DeLai's arrest and subsequent resignation from Wilmington. However, vice-chair Sarah Hall informed him that his information arrived too late and the committee "(has) no plans for a re-vote."

She said the candidates' applications were in their packet two and a half weeks before they voted, giving the School Committee ample time to "do our homework" and for the public to provide feedback.

Two named to Dean's List at Holy Cross

WORCESTER — More than 1,600 students were named to the College of the Holy Cross' Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2023-24 academic year. The following local students made the list:

- **Rhiannon Dyment of Wilmington,** Class of 2026
- **Julia Kane of Wilmington,** Class of 2027

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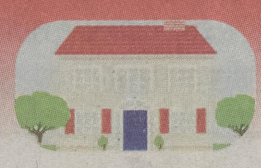

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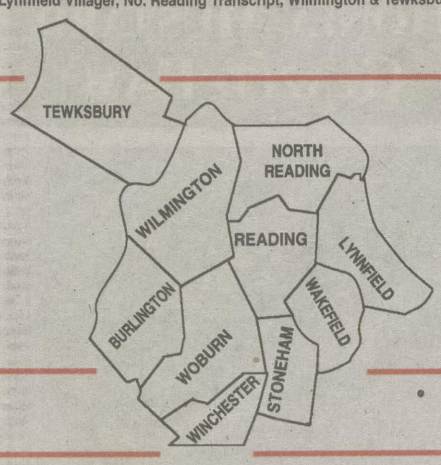

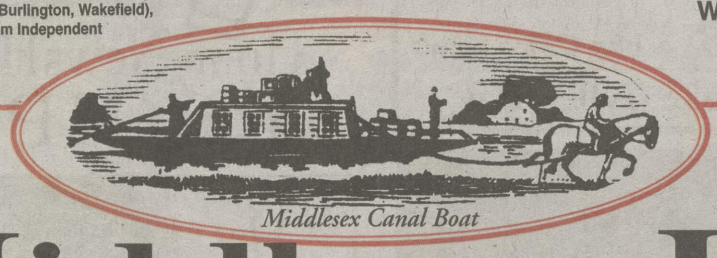

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Deadlines nears to comply with MBTA zoning

UNDER REVIEW - Residents review six potential sites to accommodate the state's MBTA Communities zoning requirement at the Tewksbury Public Library. Cities and towns must pass zoning to comply with the new state regs by Dec. 31 of this year. Most will attempt to do that at spring Town Meeting in April or May. (Rosalyn Impink file photo)

By RYAN LAROCHE

Local communities have until Dec. 31 of this year to comply with the state's new MBTA communities zoning requirements implemented by former governor Charlie Baker before he left office and supported by the state legislature in the massive 2021 economic development bill in a 143-4 vote. Non-compliance could lead to the loss of grant money, among other things.

This new law is designed to promote housing in the downtown and near public transportation.

In order to comply, communities must zone areas within one-half mile of a commuter rail station, bus stop, ferry terminal or subway station for multi-family zoning by-right. This means, a developer can build multi-family housing without the need for a special permit or variance.

Minimum gross density must be 15 units per acre, the town cannot impose an age restrictions, the housing must be suitable for families with children, and, if it is of a reasonable size, must comprise of at least 50 acres of land, with at least 25 acres contiguous. No portion can be less than five acres.

Many communities have been discussing this issue for a year-and-a-half through select boards and planning boards, plus by holding public information sessions and community forums. Tewksbury held one such forum back in September of 2023 where Town Planner Alexandra Lowder informed residents that an MBTA community is a city or town serviced by the MBTA or a municipality that abuts a community with services. She called Tewksbury an "MBTA adjacent community."

She noted how this new law doesn't require communities to build, but rather to adopt compliant zoning (therefore allowing developers to build). The law is intended to promote housing in the downtown. It is NOT intended to increase a communities low-income or affordable housing stock.

Tewksbury will be required to adopt zoning to allow the production of at least 1,214 multi-family units before the end of the year. Proposed districts cannot include wetlands, environmentally sensitive areas or publicly-owned land.

In debating the best sites to use as potential zones, Tewksbury looked at the area around Ames Pond, River Road including the Trull Brook Golf Course, the town center (Archstone and Emerald Court), Main Street A (Oakdale Plaza to Heathbrook Plaza), Main Street B (Stonebury Crossing to St. Williams Church) and South (South Street, including a parcel formerly slated for development by Simon Property Group next to I-93).

When residents asked how the zoning would impact them, Lowder said no one would be forced to sell their home and it wouldn't affect existing developments. Residents did share concerns about how certain areas of town could have to bear the burden of additional homes, families and schoolchildren.

Lowder also told members of the Select Board the town has discretion to develop design guidelines for future development.

Some communities, like Burlington, received a state grant to assist in complying with the new law. In November of 2023, the town received $74,000 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Economic Development. The town will use the funds to build consensus and help it prepare a new zoning overlay that is compliant with the MBTA Communities law, plus assist in presenting the new zoning to Town Meeting for adoption.

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Movie Reviews & Box Office News

A remake of 'Road House' with Jake Gyllenhaal

ON THE ROAD AGAIN - Conor McGregor, left, and Jake Gyllenhaal in a scene from the remake of "Road House" released by Prime Video. (Laura Radford/Prime Video via AP)

BY MARK KENNEDY
AP Entertainment Writer

Elwood P. Dalton is a classy sort of bouncer. While five tough guys circle him outside a bar looking to bash his skull in, he has a question for them: "Before we start, do you have insurance?" And after savagely beating each up, he kindly drives them to the hospital.

Dalton — played by a muscular and languid Jake Gyllenhaal — is a former UFC fighter with a dark past in "Road House," a reworking of the pulpy 1989 action film starring Patrick Swayze.

"You sure you thought this all the way through?" Dalton at one point asks an assailant who has the nerve to plunge a knife into his abdomen. The same question can be asked of the filmmakers: Is it really wise to retread this old flick? The answer is as shocking as a sucker punch: Yes, indeed.

Gyllenhaal is a sort of Spider-Man-meets-Jack Reacher-meets Jason Bourne, an oddball loner with ferocious fighting abilities who makes a living in illegal fights and lives in his car, haunted by what he did to a friend in the octagon. He douses booze on his open wounds and uses electrical tape instead of a bandage, yet he also oddly uses wheelie luggage. (You expected a big old black duffel, right?) What's in the baggage? A death wish, of course.

He is lured to the Florida Keys by a roadhouse bar owner (the always brilliantly tart Jessica Williams), who needs an excellent bouncer to protect her from nightly violence. He's offered $5,000 a week to stop thugs in sleeveless jean jackets from throwing bottles, flipping tables and breaking pool cues. (The Florida tourist board will love this movie).

"I'm hoping you're different," a bar employee says and he is. Dalton settles in the fictional Glass Key, dates a cutie, makes friends with the good folk and lives in what all damaged loners gravitate to, a houseboat. He soon teaches the other bouncers the tricks of the trade, Zen-like, and finds excellent reasons to take off his shirt.

"I'm just some guy," he says. "You don't want to know me."

Then he uncovers a conspiracy right out of "Scooby-Doo:" The land under the bar is crucial to the creation of a luxury resort dreamed up by the local rich guy and crooked cops. Basically, organized crime is trying to drive the bar owner out of business. "Zoinks!"

At this point, "Road House" gets an instant jolt of electricity from former UFC fighter Conor McGregor, who makes his acting debut as a psychotic gun-for-hire Knox. He may have one of the best intros in film history, casually walking down a European town buck naked except for a pair of boots.

Dalton and Knox are destined to go mano-a-mano and there's a grudging respect between them. They're both deeply cut and they're both messed up. "There's something wrong with you. Me too," the Irish mountain of muscles says. He's the sort of chaos agent who picks up a golf club and says he wants to go "clubbing."

Like a night of heavy drinking, things gets a little bizarre toward the end of the movie as it starts straying far from the roadhouse. Speed boats go flying, explosions go bang and someone uses arson to send a message. A deadly crocodile that plays an outsized role is sadly abandoned.

Screenwriters Anthony Bagarozzi and Charles Mondry have leaned into cliches — dead mothers, double-crosses and quirky kids that pull out the paternal part of our heroes. But a menacing, unstable McGregor is a gift. So is Billy Magnussen, who plays the rich boy bully deliciously preppy. He's so evil, he throws his cellphone into the ocean out of frustration, then asks an underling to retrieve it.

"The Bourne Identity" director Doug Liman seems to be having fun, his camera lingering on the chiseled beefsteak and mixing in honky tonk songs by the deliciously named Rockin' Dopsie Jr. & The Zydeco Twisters. The action scenes are dynamite, layering POV camera work with great, thundering, bottle smashing stunts. It knows it's silly, but it's still a good time.

That's reason enough that Liman is upset the movie is avoiding cineplexes and going straight to streaming. But he could rectify that. He could hire, like, an unstable, but gracious, former fighter who lives in his car. For a few thousand, that guy can make things right.

"Road House," an Amazon MGM Studios release streaming on Prime Video from March 21, is rated R for "nudity, violence, alcohol use and foul language." Running time: 114 minutes. Three stars out of four.

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Slow-Cooker Honey Mustard Glazed Ham

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Ingredients

- 1 fully cooked bone-in Ham (7 to 7 1/2 lb)
- 3/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 3/4 cup honey
- 1/2 cup Dijon mustard
- 1/4 cup apple juice

STEPS

1. Spray 5- to 6-quart slow cooker with cooking spray. Remove skin and excess fat from ham. Make cuts in ham about 1 inch apart and 1/4 inch deep in diamond pattern. Place ham in slow cooker.

2. In small bowl, mix brown sugar, honey, mustard and apple juice. Brush over ham.

3. Cover; cook on Low heat setting 8 hours or until meat thermometer inserted in center reads 140°F.

EXPERT TIPS

When purchasing ingredients for this Slow-Cooker Honey Mustard Glazed Ham, make sure to choose a ham that isn't presliced.

An oval slow cooker is ideal for this slow-cooker honey ham recipe, as it will better accommodate the shape of the ham.

Choosing between a bone-in and boneless ham for this honey mustard ham slow-cooker dish? Bone-in hams may require a little more carving than boneless ones, but it's worth the effort—the flavor and texture are typically better than that of a boneless ham. Plus, the leftover bone is great to use in soup!

Save the date...

23rd Annual Harpoon 5-Miler presented by PUMA to benefit ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) Research on May 19th

The 23rd annual Harpoon 5-Miler presented by PUMA, sponsored by Harpoon Brewery to benefit The Angel Fund for ALS Research, will be held on Sunday, May 19th.

Since its inception in 2001, the 5-Miler has raised nearly $3 million for ALS research through The Angel Fund for ALS Research, an independent non-profit organization dedicated to supporting ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) research at UMass Chan Medical School in Worcester, MA.

This is the second consecutive year Harpoon Brewery has teamed up with global sports brand PUMA to celebrate the Harpoon 5-Miler.

Registration for interested participants age 21+ is open on the website, www.harpoon5miler.com and will close on May 12th at 11:59 p.m. EDT. The race is open to the first 4,000 participants and may close early if the maximum number of runners is reached. There will be no day of registration.

"Supporting the Boston community and joining the fight against ALS has been a priority of ours for 23 years, as it will continue to be. Having a likeminded partner, like PUMA, to join us in supporting The Angel Fund in their fight against this devastating illness is incredibly important," said Dan Kenary, Co-Founder and CEO of Harpoon Brewery. "We are thrilled to be partnering with PUMA for the second year in a row to present our annual 5-Miler race, which is sure to be another great race, for a great cause, with great beer."

Race bibs will be mailed to runners prior to the event so they can arrive at Harpoon Brewery ready to race. The pushrim and handcycle race begins at 9:55 a.m. with the race kicking off at 10 a.m. Individuals and team awards will be presented at 12 noon for the following:

Individual Awards
Fastest Overall (Male/Female)
Fastest Friend of Harpoon (Male/Female)
1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Pushrim & Handcycle
1st, 2nd and 3rd Place (Male/Female)
in the following age categories: 21-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+

1st Place Male/Female winning times are determined by "gun time" as per USATF rules.

Team Awards
1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Male 4-Pack Team
1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Female 4-Pack Team
1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Coed 4-Pack Team (must be a minimum of 1 female or male to qualify)

All runners, whether running as part of a team or not, will be timed individually and have their time posted compared to the entire race field. Runners who are part of team will have their time scored as part of the team's time.

The fee to enter this year's 5-Miler race is $60 and each ticket will include:

- Entrance into the Harpoon 5-Miler presented by PUMA
- Commemorative race day shirt
- 2 beer tickets (Friends of Harpoon will receive a 3rd beer ticket)
- Post-race meal
- 2024 finishing medal
- Harpoon 5-Miler presented by PUMA 2024 pint cup
- Donation to The Angel Fund for ALS Research
- Post-race dance party at Harpoon Brewery with DJ Steve Greco!

Harpoon 5-Miler participants are also encouraged to raise additional funds for The Angel Fund for ALS Research. Fundraising awards will be presented to runners based upon donations made online or received via mail by Wednesday, May 15th at 5:00 p.m. The Richard Hackel Award will be given to the Harpoon 5-Miler runner who goes above and beyond, raising the most funds for The Angel Fund, and the Scott Carlson Award will be given to the fundraising team that goes above and beyond, raising the most funds for The Angel Fund.

Runners who raise $500 or more will receive free entry into 2025's Harpoon 5-Miler.

"We are grateful to all the runners, sponsors, friends and walkers who continue to support The Angel Fund for ALS Research through the Harpoon 5-Miler presented by PUMA," Rich Kennedy, president of The Angel Fund for ALS Research said. "The Angel Fund for ALS Research is especially grateful to Harpoon Brewery for its support these past 23 years as we continue our fight to find a cure for ALS."

In addition to the Harpoon 5-Miler, donations to The Angel Fund for ALS Research can also be made online at www.theangelfund.org or can be sent to The Angel Fund for ALS Research, 649 Main Street, Wakefield, MA 01880. All donations should be made payable to The Angel Fund for ALS Research.

Information about The Angel Fund for ALS Research can be obtained on the website, www.theangelfund.org.

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11 Temple Rd was sold to Ces Temple Road Rt and Simari, Caitlin E by John A Beccia Iii RET and Beccia 3rd, John A for $1,105,000 on 03/04/24

NORTH READING

25 Cleek Ct #25 was sold to Pedi Ft and Pedi, Gary A by 25 Cleek Court Rt and Motzkin, Susan M for $1,025,000 on 03/01/24

16 Oakdale Rd was sold to Cashin, Andrew by Gustus, Matthew and Gustus, Melanie for $795,000 on 03/04/24

19 Park St was sold to Th Builders LLC by Confalone Ft and Raymond, Jane A for $400,000 on 03/06/24

13 Sunset Ave was sold to Opendoor Property J LLC by Wge T and Lewis, Gaye F for $648,500 on 03/08/24

READING

9 Abigail Way #4010 was sold to Sadowska, Justyna by Pmg Rt and Mcdermott 3rd, Arthur L for $610,000 on 03/01/24

17 Harold Ave was sold to Difronzo Jr, Dino and Difronzo, Patricia by Dubanowitz, Alexander J and Dubanowitz, Stephanie B for $1,210,000 on 03/01/24

122 Johnson Woods Dr #202 was sold to Johnson Woods Realty Corp by Demartino, Tracy Afor $650,000 on 03/06/24

69 Johnson Woods Dr #69 was sold to Demartino, Tracy A by Johnson Woods Realty Cor for $1,189,000 on 03/06/24

269 Main St #3005 was sold to Nancy A Minichiello T and Minichiello, Nancy A by Butcher, Kimiko K and Grundy, Neil for $818,000 on 03/01/24

39 Mark Ave was sold to Lace Em Up LLC by Patricia E Rozett Nt and Latham, Christopher M for $600,000 on 03/07/24

136 Salem St #1 was sold to Ned & Jeannine Harden Lt and Harden, New R by 136 Salem Realty LLC for $881,000 on 03/01/24

TEWKSBURY

34 Ironwood Ln #34 was sold to Neely, John J and Neely, Deborah A by Scannell Jr, William J for $475,000 on 03/06/24

881 Old Shawsheen St was sold to 881 Old Shawsheen LLC by Cimmino, Vincent P and Cimmino, Tara L for $785,000 on 03/01/24

1232 Shawsheen St was sold to Fino, Jillian M and Pickett, Cameron J by Staten, Rebecca A for $510,000 on 03/08/24

WAKEFIELD

7 Bateman Ct #7 was sold to Struble, Matthew E and Shenoy, Mythri V by Mcrae, Andrew D for $815,000 on 03/06/24

974 Main St #35 was sold to Kumari, Irtika by Robert W Samuelrich RET and Samuelrich, Leslie C for $546,000 on 03/05/24

1 Millbrook Ln #310 was sold to Hao, Yingzhi and Li, Zhejun by Burke-Canty, Natalie for $486,000 on 03/05/24

31 Nahant St was sold to Lapides, Julie and Lapides, Jordan C by Lantzakis, Manolis for $930,000 on 03/01/24

175 North Ave #202 was sold to Santangelo, Peter A and Santangelo, Kathleen by Paquette, Jacqueline for $775,000 on 03/07/24

361 Salem St was sold to Kras Salem LLC by 361 Salem St Wakefield L for $550,000 on 03/07/24

WILMINGTON

24 Allen Park Dr was sold to Stewart, Jennifer and Moran, Dean by Shea Ft and Cunningham, Stephanie S for $695,000 on 03/08/24

12 Walnut St was sold to Straight, Lindsey R and Straight, Timothy R by Zhang, Guoqiang and Pan, Xiang for $922,500 on 03/01/24

WINCHESTER

8 Hemingway St #8 was sold to Song, Heliang and Xing, Yanyan by Byford, William for $690,000 on 03/08/24

10 N Gateway was sold to Harding, Benjamin A and Harding, Kimberly A by 10 North Gateway LLC for $2,765,000 on 03/04/24

49 Salisbury St was sold to Mccarthy, Jeffrey and Mccarthy, Jennifer by Cooney, Debra S for $1,250,000 on 03/04/24

WOBURN

8 Albany St was sold to Vong, Kim by 8 Albany Street Rt and Singh, Amarpreet for $1,035,000 on 03/04/24

71 Burlington St was sold to Tmh LLC by Heimlich Jr, Alexander I and Heimlich, Bette L for $400,000 on 03/07/24

45 Chestnut St was sold to Nicolaescu, Mircea and Dequevedo, Cassandra A by Neely, John J and Neely, Deborah A for $810,000 on 03/01/24

7 E Dexter Ave #36 was sold to Zhang, Wei by 7 East Dexter LLC for $999,900 on 03/06/24

104 Eastern Ave #106 was sold to Suttmiller, Alexandra G and Vann, Jack B by 104 Eastern Avenue LLC for $850,000 on 03/07/24

24 Frances Rd was sold to Linehan, Jonathan R and Linehan, Emily E by Cappello, Meryl S for $440,000 on 03/01/24

5 Robertson Way was sold to Lustig, Daniel J by Melanson, Bryan E and Melanson, Brenda for $2,035,000 on 03/07/24

380 Salem St was sold to Grzybowski, Frederick J by Crowley, Brian D and Crowley, Marianne L for $455,000 on 03/07/24

3 Shaker Hill Ln was sold to Mahesh, Nikhil M and Mahesh, Shanthi P by Melanson, Edward S and Fix, Denise R for $865,000 on 03/04/24

2 Stratton Dr #1403 was sold to Morris, Helia M and Morris, Paul C by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $783,400 on 03/07/24

2 Stratton Dr #1405 was sold to Motwani, Mona and Ghanta, Krishna S by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $847,315 on 03/05/24

2 Stratton Dr #406 was sold to Nazemi, Nima and Benijamali, Seyedeh M by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $764,995 on 03/08/24

2 Stratton Dr #1401 was sold to Rice, Carol S by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $817,200 on 03/08/24

2 Stratton Dr #1408 was sold to Segal, Donald E and Segal, Risa M by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $740,470 on 03/04/24

12 Surrey Rd was sold to Roitman-Waters, Benny and Roitman-Waters, Matthew R by West Side Surrey LLC for $1,700,000 on 03/04/24

MBTA FROM B1

(All new zoning laws must receive the vote of Town Meeting in communities that run town meetings. They cannot simply be approved by a vote of the Select Board.)

In Reading, the town must zone for 1,493 units due to the amount of acreage covered by its proximity to MBTA bus stops and the town's commuter rail station. This means, past projects like developments on Haven Street and Gould Street don't count because they have already been built.

"For Reading, the Smart Growth District was, for planning purposes and for getting more units in closer to the train, this was absolutely the right thing to be doing," said Community Planning and Development Commission Chair Heather Clish back in May of 2023. "The MBTA Communities law basically ups the game of what communities have to do. Even with what we've been doing in terms of our by-right zoning, what people can do without having to come to the (Community Planning and Development Commission) basically has not been enough. And we are by far not the only community that must grapple with this now."

Burlington, Tewksbury, Wilmington, Stoneham, Winchester, Woburn, basically all the communities in this area must deal with the new law in some form or fashion. This is where holding community forums comes into play, as cities and towns can ask residents for input on how best to comply with the law.

If communities fail to do so, penalties could include not only the loss of grant money, but even the loss of funding for a community's housing authority or, worse, the state could take legal action. Therefore, most communities hope to pass zoning at their upcoming spring Town Meeting in April or May. If warrant articles failed and communities wait until the fall to try again, they might not make the Dec. 31 deadline due to the amount of time it could take the state's attorney general to approve the new zoning (up to 30-60 days from the close of Town Meeting).

In Stoneham, residents and town officials wasted no time in moving on the new law. In October of 2022, the town held a special Town Meeting to set aside the needed by-right multi-family housing acreage. Voters floated a new overlay district around a 7.6 acre strip of commercial land on Route 28 heading towards Reading for mixed-use residential and multi-family housing.

According to Planning Board member Kevin Dolan, the new district will directly facilitate a proposed condominium redevelopment of the former China Moon site while simultaneously ensuring compliance with the state's new housing mandate.

Dolan said the article, presented at Town Meeting, would bring the town "if not into compliance, then very, very close to compliance." The town's planning director, Erin Wortman, said if Stoneham includes properties along either side of Route 28 with a separate 36-acre multi-family housing overlay off Fallon Road, the town would be virtually assured of complying with the mandate.

In all, Stoneham will need to zone for 1,016 units.

Worried about losing too much of its commercial tax base to new housing developments, Dolan and Planning Board Chair Frank Vallarelli pushed for a compromise that targeted a smaller section of Route 28. Town officials stated they believed Stoneham is better suited to handle this new legislation as compared to other communities.

In Tewksbury, members of the Planning Board voted on which districts to include in the new MBTA Communities law to keep the town compliant. However, one member, Vinny Fratalia, passed on voting for any of the choices, saying he wasn't "in favor of this" and "(didn't) like it being stuck down our throats like they're doing."

Regardless of one member's opposition, the final say will be up to Town Meeting. In this case, Planning Board members chose to send two options to Town Meeting: Main Street A (Oakdale Plaza to Heathbrook Plaza) as its primary choice and Main Street B (Stonebury Crossing to St. William's Church) as a secondary option.

Town Manager Richard Montuori agreed, feeling the town should also send both options to the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities for preliminary review and approval in case one is rejected. Not every member of the Select Board agreed, with member Mark Kratman against the entire process and James Mackey not in favor of sending two districts for review. In the end, the board voted against sending both options; instead, they chose Main Street A.

In Winchester, the town will send new zoning regulations to this spring's Town Meeting through its Planning Board. To help it comply, the town reached out to Jennifer Goldson, from JM Goldson - who helped the town compile its most recent Master Plan - and Emily Innes, from Innes Associates.

Innes told the Select Board the state is facing a housing shortage, but the new law wasn't a mandate to build, a target for production, restricted to affordable housing or a one-size fits all tool.

"Zoning does not mean housing production," she explained.

Innes also clarified that multi-family housing means three or more dwelling units or two or more buildings on the same lot with more than one residential dwelling. There are three elements by way the town can comply: land area, capacity and zoning, and Innes said all three work together.

For land area, there must be a minimum of 37 acres with 50 percent in the station area for an 18.5 acres minimum contiguous district size. Zoning in Winchester must allow for 1,220 units with 15 dwelling units per acre.

"The more units (that get) built will drive down the prices," Winchester Planning Board Chair Diab Jerius argued, as only 10 percent can be deed-restricted affordable. "We're lucky we have the flexibility and zoning."

(Cites and towns can potentially increase that number to 20 percent through an economic feasibility study. When asked if other communities were doing a similar study, Jerius said Lexington did and already passed the zoning. It received clearance for 20 percent of the units to be affordable at 80 percent of the Area Median Income.)

This new zoning requirements will impact approximately 160 communities in the state, mostly in Metro-Boston. Jerius called these "denser, small" units that shouldn't affect family homes. The state just didn't "have housing for people in the middle," referring to empty-nesters or young adults with no children.

When can local residents expect to see some of these multi-family units constructed? Even though interest rates remain steady, and have come down from the highs of a few years ago, cities and towns may still not see any new construction for years.

But before residents can think about that, communities that haven't must pass the zoning soon or risk paying the penalty.

(Materials from Rosalyn Impink, Pat Blais and Bob Holmes were used to compile this report.)

One show only: Saturday, April 13th at 8pm

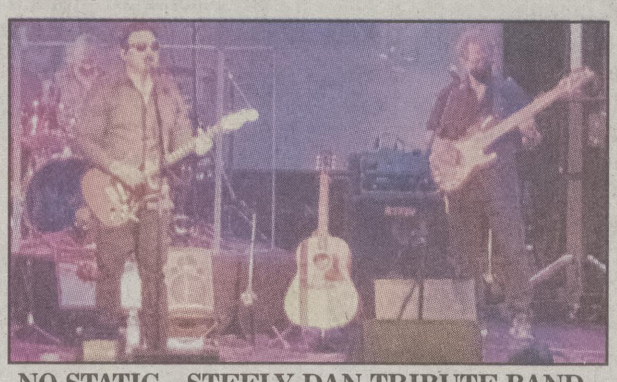
'No Static' – one of the nation's top Steely Dan Tribute Bands – returns to Arlington's hisitoric Regent Theatre

Composed of 10 accomplished musicians from around the Greater Boston area NO STATIC specializes in expertly performing the beloved music of Steely Dan by re-creating the bluesy jazz-rock sound created by bandleaders Donald Fagen and Walter Becker decades ago.

Dan-Fans know that the Steely discography spans musical genres and is both complex and precise, with time and key changes popping up where sometimes least expected. Being both vocally and musically challenging, Steely Dan is not an easy songbook to perform well. No Static has been doing it for nearly 20 years, and their sold-out shows tell the tale of their success.

Over time young and old Steely Dan lovers have discovered and enjoyed the passion and precision that No Static brings to their performances. Appearing at a variety of venues both public and private, this talented band has earned the admiration and affection of critics and fans alike.

In the past they have been honored to share the stage with current Steely Dan band members as both Walt Weiskopf (saxophonist) and Jon Herington (Music Director/guitarist) have performed as guests at many No Static shows. No Static's Lineup features, Fil Ramil om Lead Vocals/Guitar, Lydia Harrell with Vocals and vocal arrangement, Rosemary St. George with Vocals, Jamie Sheldon on the Bass, Barry Lit on Drums, Brian Eggleston on Keyboards, Jon Finn on Guitar, Robert Holfelder on the Trombone and with Horn arrangements, Brad Kohl on Saxophone and Walter Platt on Trumpet.



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Tewksbury Police Log

Man reportedly took upskirt pictures at restaurant

Monday, March 18

3:45 a.m. - Police reported vehicle driving around property at Clark Road. They reported they spoke with the motor vehicle operator who was an employee.

7:34 a.m. - Caller reported there was a white sedan parked on Foster Road and Virginia Road, unoccupied that has been there over the weekend. Caller believed it was suspicious and would like it checked out. Police sent. Vehicle was off to the side and was not causing any hazards.

11:46 a.m. - Caller reported his phone was stolen and money was taken from his bank account at Marriott Residence Inn. Police sent. Officer spoke to the party.

1:03 p.m. - Manager would like to have a female trespassed from property as she was following customers to their cars and asking for money at Market Basket north. Police sent. Officer spoke to calling party. An older Asian female with grey sweater was no longer in store or lot. Officer checked and she was gone on arrival.

8:32 p.m. - Gray sprinter van with tinted windows outside of the caller's address at Sawyer Lane. Police sent. Vehicle was gone on arrival.

Tuesday, March 19

2:40 am - Police out with a motor vehicle in the parking lot of the Motel 6. RO recently purchased vehicle and the paperwork checked out. All units cleared.

1:24 p.m. - Calling party reported two women stealing from Goodwill at Knights of Columbus. Police sent. Women did not steal anything from bins. Officer filed a report.

Wednesday, March 20

2:46 a.m. - Front desk at Motel 6 reported there was a white male wearing a gray ski mask, white shoes and navy blue sweater standing around by the dumpster on the Home Depot side. Caller reported she saw the video cameras and him peering around room 231, possibly looking into the room. When another male walked out of a separate room, suspect party ducked and ran away. Caller reported no visible weapons. Front desk of Motel 6 worker willing to speak with officers and show them footage. Police sent. Parties were spoken to and they checked out. Officer filed a report.

11:57 a.m. - Caller reported someone broke a bottle of liquor outside her home at Pondview Lane. Caller was concerned and wished to file a report. Police sent. No crime being committed and no threat involved.

2:08 p.m. - A 911 caller reported she was approached by an Asian woman asking for money at Harrows Chicken Pies. Caller went to hand the woman a $5 bill when she reached and stole a $20 and ran off toward Motel 6. Police sent. Saosadet Sayasane, 41, of 109 Blackbrook Drive in Lowell, was arrested and charged with larceny from a person.

Thursday, March 21

5:08 a.m. - There was suspicious activity at Ocean State Job Lot's parking lot. Police sent. The party was just waiting for the gym to open.

5:19 pm - Police sent to Babicz Road to speak with a calling party in regards to a threatening text message. Officer cleared with report.

7:01 pm - A 911 caller reported a male stole two packs of cigarettes and left the store at Speedway Gas Station. Caller reported the male took a left out of the parking lot driving a red van. Caller described the male as a short white male with tattoos, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt. Police sent. Phillip Coleman, 37, of 611 Lowell St. in Lawrence, was arrested and charged with unarmed robbery and possess class B drugs.

10:28 p.m. - Officer spoke with a walk-in party in regards to a possible blackmailing at Leighton Lane. Officer filed a report.

Friday, March 22

1:20 p.m. - Caller reported a female was told to check out and when they checked her room, they found a scale with white powder at Extended Stay America. They noticed marks on her arms and legs that were actively bleeding. Female was standing/crouching in the parking lot near a no parking sign. Police sent. Bianca Payne, 35, of 33 Kendall Circle in Bedford, was arrested and charged with a warrant for straight warrant and possession class B drugs.

6:12 p.m. - Female shoplifter was in the office at Walmart. Police sent. Lindsey Godfrey, 43, of 5 Vine St. in Haverhill, was arrested and charged with a warrant for trafficking, a warrant for OUI drugs, possession class A drugs, and shoplifting by asportation.

10:17 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a female had been sexually harassed by a male patron at Kyoto Steak House. He had been taking pictures up her skirt. Male subject left in a black pickup truck. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

Saturday, March 23

4:02 p.m. - A vehicle was attempting to purchase suspiciously and the victim let the police headquarters know about it. Police sent. They spoke with that party and advice was given. The vehicle was not stolen.

5:33 p.m. - A 911 caller for a middle-aged male riding a green bike at Market Basket South, who was suspiciously looking at the caller's vehicle. Police sent. They checked the area, but nothing was shown.

6:42 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious black Hyundai SUV was driving down Brown Street toward Whipple stopping at each house and looking inside the mailbox. Police sent. They reported nothing was shown.

6:51 p.m. - Caller reported male with two or three kids standing outside Market Basket north with a sign asking people for money. Police sent. Trespass served in hand. Officer filed a report.

8:05 p.m. - Caller reported two suspicious parties came to his front door at Sheridan Lane. They did not ring the doorbell but the doorbell camera picked them up and he was concerned because the house was unoccupied. He could not see on camera where they went. Teenage male with curly blond hair and a female slightly older with blonde hair. Police sent. The house was secure. Caller believed it may be juveniles from the neighborhood. Periodic checks would be conducted.

Sunday, March 24

4:16 a.m. - Police out at Maple Street and East Street. Vehicle was pulled over with a person outside. Connor Preble, 21, of 210 Mitchell G Drive in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor and possession open container of alcohol in the motor vehicle.

Wilmington Police Log

Police cite/arrest a number of people for driving with no or suspended license

Friday, March 15

6:45 a.m.: A man at the Lowes on Main Street reported that someone hit his white 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee and took off, damaging the driver's side door. The man was unable to get the plate, make, model, or color.

9:32 a.m.: A caller on Virginia Road reported that her dog found a large bone in the woods, and requested an officer to examine it. Police picked up the bones and returned to the station.

3:28 p.m.: A caller at Galante's Auto on Main Street reported that someone stole construction equipment.

Saturday, March 16:

3:11 a.m.: Multiple callers near West Street reported a truck off the road on top of the rock wall. The operator was outside of the vehicle and uninjured, but the rock wall and a nearby mailbox were damaged.

12:25 p.m.: Jackinson Bradley Joacine of E. Elm Ave., Apt. #2, in Quincy was arrested for operating an unregistered motor vehicle, defacing the serial number of a firearm, carrying a firearm without a license, possessing ammunition without a FID card, not having a registration in possession, failure to wear a seat belt, and improper storage of a firearm. This followed a stop of his white 2021 BMW 330I on Main Street.

3:03 p.m.: A black 2017 Honda Accord struck a parked Amazon truck on Burlington Avenue. No injuries were reported.

Sunday, March 17:

12:10 p.m.: John Victor Ferraz of 10 Brand Ave., in Wilmington, was issued a summons for a number plate violation, a number plate violation to conceal ID, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. This followed a stop of his white 1998 BMW 323 near the Burger King on Lowell Street.

7:24 p.m.: An MBTA dispatcher reported a fight on the outbound platform of the Wilmington station, with an unknown number of participants. Police were able to break up the fight and talk to one of the involved parties, but a second party took off before police arrived, and possibly so did other parties.

7:29 p.m.: A gray 2014 Chevy Impala and a red 2014 Hyundai Sonata were involved in a hit and run in the MBTA parking lot on Main Street. The reporting party refused to do paperwork exchange and didn't verify if the red Hyundai was actually involved.

Monday, March 18:

7:05 a.m.: Italo Lopes Araujo of 46 Waverly Pl., Apt. #2, in Melrose, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, a 1st offense of using an electronic device while operating a motor vehicle, and not having a valid inspection sticker. This followed a stop of his gray 2010 Nissan Sentra near the Bank of America on Main Street.

11:13 a.m.: Queila Viera de Oliveira of 25 Putnam St., in Danvers, was issued a summons for having an obstructed/non-transparent window and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. This followed a stop of her gray 2007 Honda Accord on Middlesex Avenue. However, later at 12:50 p.m., Queila Viera de Oliveira was arrested for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, following a stop of her gray 2007 Honda Accord near the Shell Gas Station on Main Street.

11:24 a.m.: Luis Ramon Beltre Carmona of 62 Pilling St., in Haverhill, was issued a summons for a miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violation and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. This followed a stop of his brown 2010 Honda CR-V on Church Street.

Tuesday, March 19:

5:34 a.m.: Darlin Andriel Rosario Beltre of 109 Ferry St., in Lawrence, was issued a summons for operating an uninsured motor vehicle, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, and speeding in violation of special regulations. This followed a stop of his gray 2013 Honda Accord on Lowell Street.

8:52 a.m.: A juvenile was arrested for malicious destruction of property - $1,200 at Wilmington Middle School on Carter Ln.

11:35 a.m.: Bladimir Tejeda Guzman of 50 Seymour St., Apt. #10, in Roslindale, was issued a summons for operating an uninsured motor vehicle, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, and a miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violation.

8:44 p.m.: Tesla N Murillo de Ramirez of 22 Congress Ave., Apt. #2, in Chelsea, was arrested for shoplifting by asportation. This followed loss prevention at the Target on Ballardvale Street reporting that they had a shoplifter detained.

Wednesday, March 20:

10:44 a.m.: An off-duty officer reported parties in the area of Dadant Drive possibly soliciting for pavement services. The company was cited for soliciting without a permit.

Thursday, March 21:

1:58 p.m.: A purple 2016 Toyota Rav4 was reported to have hit a pole on Main Street. Airbags were deployed, but there were no injuries. Reading Light and Verizon were notified.

2:04 p.m.: Vilder A Lopez Miranda of 538 Eastern Ave., Apt. #2, in Lynn, was arrested for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and obstruction of an emergency vehicle. This followed a stop of his black 2015 Chevy Silverado on Main Street.

Shawsheen Valley Technical School senior Johansen honored as U.S. CTE Presidential Scholar

MARLBOROUGH — Shawsheen Valley Technical High School proudly announces that senior Sarah Johansen has been recognized as one of five U.S. CTE Presidential Scholars for the State of Massachusetts. This prestigious accolade, presented by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators (MAVA) and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (MA DESE), underscores Sarah's exceptional achievements and leadership qualities.

Established in 1964 by executive order of the President, the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program celebrates the outstanding accomplishments of graduating high school seniors nationwide. With only approximately 160 students chosen annually by the U.S. Department of Education (USED) as Presidential Scholars, it stands as one of the highest honors for high school students in the United States.

Johansen's selection reflects her remarkable dedication to academics, leadership, and community involvement. Principal Jessica Cook, speaking at the MAVA award ceremony, described Sarah as "an exceptional role model to all CTE students in Massachusetts and across the nation."

▲ Sarah Johansen of Shawsheen Tech, celebrated as one of five CTE Presidential Scholars in Massachusetts, receives a plaque from DESE's Deputy Commissioner Dr. Regina Robinson (far left) and MAVA's Executive Director Steven Sharek (far right). Principal Cook of Shawsheen Tech stands proudly to her right.

(Courtesy photo by Allison Cammarata)

Throughout her time at Shawsheen Tech, Sarah has demonstrated her commitment to excellence through various leadership roles. She serves as the Student Representative on the School Committee, Secretary of the National Honor Society, President of the Teen Dating Violence Awareness Club, co-captain of the student orientation leader program, peer tutor, member of the senior class advisory, SkillsUSA competitor, and Varsity Tennis player.

Sarah's academic achievements are equally impressive, currently ranking 3rd in her class and consistently earning high honors throughout her high school career. Her commitment to academic excellence is further highlighted by her success in Concurrent Enrollment courses as both a junior and a senior.

In addition to her academic and leadership roles, Sarah has excelled in her co-op placement as an Electronics Technicians Assistant at Diversified Technologies since her junior year, illustrating her commitment to applying her skills in practical, real-world settings.

Garvy Altine, an education specialist for the Massachusetts CCTE Office, commended Sarah's achievements, stating, "the review team was impressed with Sarah's submission and are proud to have her represent Massachusetts as one of the nominees for this prestigious award."

As one of Massachusetts' nominees, Sarah is now being considered as a nationwide finalist for the U.S. Presidential Scholars program.

Sarah's guidance counselor, Amanda Samaha, commented on her exceptional qualities, remarking, "it is hard to put into words succinctly why Sarah is the perfect recipient for this award; there are just so many wonderful things about her."

Looking ahead, Sarah plans to attend UMass Lowell in the fall, where she will pursue a degree in Mathematics. Inspired by educators like her Engineering teacher Tanya Baron, she aspires to become a high school math teacher, aiming to positively impact students' lives as her mentors have impacted hers.

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Wilmington SPORTS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024

▲ The Wilmington Bantam 1 hockey team won the state title recently. (Courtesy photo)

Bantam 1 squad wins state crown

Wilmington wins U14 Tier III title in thrilling fashion

▲ The Wildcats celebrate moments after capturing the state championship. (Courtesy photo)

By JASON COOKE
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The Wilmington Bantam 1 hockey team didn't leave anything to chance.

Not only are the 'Cats U14 Tier III Small state champions for the second time in three years, but they captured their hardware in style.

Wilmington edged Lower Cape, 3-2, in the state championship game earlier this month to put the exclamation point on its dominant path to glory, in which Wilmington outscored its opponents 24-3 in six tournament games. Wilmington's youth program has now hauled in eight state championships dating back to 1982.

Coach Raymond Mercuri couldn't help but take in the moment.

"It brought tears to my eyes to see that these guys did work hard, and they did want to achieve a state title," Mercuri said. "They worked hard for it, and they played as a team to do that. The thing that I saw this year was the commitment from each and every one of the players."

After sliding past Lower Cape by a score of 4-0 in the second game of the round-robin, Wilmington knew it would get a much hungrier team in the state final. The Wildcats were absolutely right, outlasting Lower Cape in a 3-2 slugfest at the New England Sports Center in Marlborough.

The 'Cats came out of the dressing room flying, using that energy to get on the board quickly into the first period on a goal from Nate Murphy. Nate Anderson picked up the helper.

After squandering a pair of power play bids, Lower Cape struck back, knotting the game at one with 4:47 remaining in the period. However, the third time was the charm on the man advantage, as Dylan Minasian converted a power play goal to open the second period. Anderson Mickey Moroney assisted on the goal.

With 36 seconds remaining in the period, Wilmington added an insurance goal, as Jon Cavanaugh lit the lamp on a feed from Murphy.

"Those two were like a dynamic duo," Mercuri said. "They worked really well together and always passed the puck back and forth. They complimented each other."

However, Lower Cape didn't back down, executing a designed play with 1:58 left in the game to cut the deficit to one. After Lower Cape committed a pair of penalties with the goalie pulled, it was too little, too late, and the 'Cats were crowned champions.

Goalie Dylan Mainini made 16 saves in the victory. The netminder was 5-0 in the tournament, making 76 saves on the way to a 0.60 GAA and 0.962 save percentage.

He also posted a 13-save shutout in the playdown game against Wakefield.

"At the end of last season, he needed to work on some things," Mercuri said of Mainini.

"Over the summer, he definitely did the work because at the start of the season, we saw a great improvement from him maturity-wise, size-wise, and athleticism. We saw that he did the training.

"He has been a great impact on this team, not only in the state tournament but all year," Mercuri continued. "He's come up big in a lot of games."

Wilmington heavily relied on its leadership group of Cavanaugh, Minasian, Joseph Moroney, and Murphy to take the ropes this season. Without them, Mercuri doesn't think the state title would have been achievable.

"Those four captains set a good example for all the kids," said the coach. "They led by example. When you have good leaders, and you have younger guys on board, they look up to those leaders. They definitely brought the younger guys to another level with maturity and level of play."

Now, most of Mercuri's squad will look to make a leap to play at the high school level next winter, an area of emphasis he preached all season.

"The main reason I joined to help out the youth program is to prepare the thirteen and fourteen-year-olds for high school level play and what they should expect," Mercuri said.

"The goal was to prepare them and to have fun in the end as well."

"It takes about a year and a half for a team to really come together. This team really came together at the end of last season, firing on all cylinders, playing as a team, and playing the system that we teach. Going into this season, we had high expectations."

'CATS BLANK WAKEFIELD 3-0 IN PLAYDOWNS

Wilmington's magical run all started in February when a battle with Wakefield awaited in the state playdowns for a ticket to the state tournament.

Despite outshooting Wakefield 11-3 in the opening frame, the teams remained scoreless heading into the second period. Cavanaugh eventually broke the ice in the second, tapping in a feed from Moroney on the back door to give Wilmington the 1-0 advantage.

Moroney then found twine himself before Ryan Hudd added the insurance goal to send Wilmington dancing to the state tournament with a 3-0 win.

Hudd's goal came on the penalty kill, blocking a shot from the point to send him on a breakaway.

"What's different with this team is we had three lines that could all skate," Mercuri said.

"They all contributed, they all had their jobs, and they all had their roles. They gave their best every time, and that's why we won."

WILMINGTON THUMP BILLERICA IN OPENING GAME

Murphy scored a pair of goals while the Wilmington defense allowed just 10 shots on goal in a decisive 6-0 blowout win over Billerica in the first game of the state tournament.

Wilmington pushed the pace of play from the drop of the puck, as Tyler Boutiette nearly found the back of the net in the opening minutes of action. Nolan Harrison also generated a solid opportunity, but Wilmington was still searching for a goal to kickstart their offense.

Murphy started the party by scoring two goals to give Wilmington an early 2-0 lead, and the Wildcats never looked back. Anderson scored to put the 'Cats up 3-0 after the opening period.

Devin MacDonald, Cody Mastronardi, and Cavanaugh rounded out the third-period scoring, putting Wilmington into the win column in the first game of the tournament.

It all started on the defensive side of the puck, quarterbacked by Connor Jamieson, Joseph Moroney, and Colin Doherty, among others.

"We played strong defense keeping the puck in the zone," Mercuri said. "Those guys were instrumental in their puck possession and disruption to give us the firepower up front."

WILDCATS HAND LOWER CAPE A 4-0 LOSS IN FINALS PREVIEW

In a sneak peek of the eventual state championship matchup, Wilmington topped Lower Cape with a convincing 4-0 win in the second game of round-robin play.

Anderson, Murphy, Doherty, and Cavanaugh lit the lamp for the Wildcats in the triumph, ignited by another quick start from Wilmington's potent offense on an Anderson rocket from the point. Jamieson then found Cavanaugh on a back door connection to give Wilmington a 2-0 lead after the first period.

Tallies from Murphy and Doherty in the third period proved enough to defeat Lower Cape and remain unbeaten in the state tournament. Mainini came up clutch for the 'Cats, making 20 saves for the shutout.

'CATS EDGE EVERETT/REVERE IN OVERTIME TO STAY UNDEFEATED

Everett/Revere was next for the Bantams and Wilmington won an overtime thriller, 1-0.

Mainini stopped all 13 shots he faced in regulation to keep Everett/Revere off the board, but the 'Cats couldn't find any offense.

Then, it was déjà vu for Hudd. After blocking a shot in the team's 3-0 victory over Wakefield in the state playdowns. This time, it was on a much bigger stage. The speedy forward raced out to a breakaway, deking the goalie to crown himself as the overtime hero.

WILDCATS FLIP SCRIPT IN SEMI-FINALS, HAND EVERETT/REVERE 7-1 BLOWOUT

When Wilmington was slated to meet Everett/Revere the following game in the state semifinals, it had the makings of another low-scoring, high-intensity matchup that would go down to the wire.

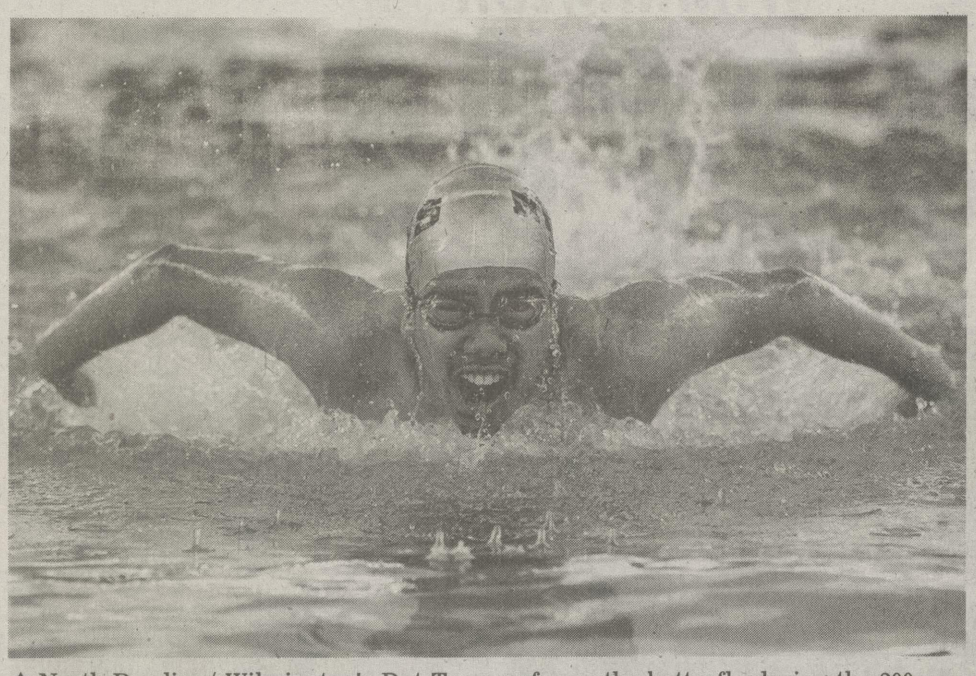
It wasn't as Wilmington won by a 7-1 score.

The Bantams actually trailed 1-0 before erupting for seven unanswered goals.

Cavanaugh had the first goal on a dish from Moroney and Mason Voner to knot the game just 16 seconds later.

Cavanaugh didn't stop there, finding Murphy on a give-and-go situation 24 seconds after his goal to put Wilmington ahead. From there, they didn't look back. Murphy completed his hat trick later in the period, followed by goals from Kyle Spencer, Henry Almeda, and Mastronardi rounded out the scoring.

"There were certain plays and face-offs we didn't do in the first game," Mercuri said of the sudden offensive outburst. "We didn't want to show all of our tricks, faceoffs, and breakouts. We just played normal hockey, and we didn't do anything different because we knew we could face them again."



▲ North Reading/ Wilmington's Dat Tran performs the butterfly during the 200 yard medely relay against Manchester Essex. (James Thomas Photography)

Wildcats get what they deserve

Several Wilmington High athletes earn all-star nods

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Several members of the Wilmington-Stoneham High girls hockey team were honored by the Middlesex League as all stars this season.

Senior Lily Mackenzie was rewarded for her tremendous season and career. She was named the co-MVP of the league and the team MVP while also earned all-conference recognition.

Other Wilmington all stars were Paige Fuller and goalie Maddie Sainato. Grace Tobias of Stoneham was also an all star.

Emma Flynn received the team's Coach's Award.

BOYS HOCKEY

Senior Bobby Cyr was the lone Wilmington High boys hockey player named to the Middlesex League all-star team.

Cyr, a captain, was a key player for the Wildcats, who qualified for the Div. 4 state tournament and won its first-round game.

SWIMMING

The Wilmington-North Reading High swim team had several league all stars.

Recognized by the league with a spot on the first team was Kyla Kelley, Cole Falk, Spencer Bagtaz, Ivan Deiko and Dat Tran.

Named as second team all stars was Lauren Feffer, Priscilla Vo and Ella Dong.

WRESTLING

Hannah Bryson led the way for a group of Wilmington High wrestling all stars.

Bryson was the Middlesex League's female Wrestler of the Year after a postseason run that saw her win the all-state championship.

Julien Cella was also an all star at 144 pounds as was Mohaned Said at 175 and Clyde Lambert at heavyweight.

TRACK & FIELD

The Wilmington High track and field teams had several all-star selections.

On the girls side, Mollie Osgood made the All-Conference Team in the high jump — She was undefeated in dual meet competition, had the best jump (5 feet, 2 inches) in the Freedom Division and placed second at the ML12 League Meet.

Alexis LeBlanc was named a Conference All-Star in the 55 meter dash — She was undefeated in dual meet competition. Had the best time (7.49) in the Freedom Division. Placed third at the ML12 League Meet.

Addy Hunt was named a Conference All-Star in the 1000 meter run — She had a 9-1 record in her dual meet races (1000 meters, one mile and two mile). Placed third at the ML12 League Meet in the 1000 meters.

In addition, Hunt was voted as Freedom Division MVP.

For the boys, Sean Patrone was named a Conference All-Star in the high jump — He had the second best jump in the Freedom Division (6 feet, 1 inch) and placed second at the ML12 League Meet in the high jump. In addition, that 6-1 jump tied the Wilmington High School record.

Ashvin Baker was named a Conference All-Star in the 300 meters — He had a 4-1 record in the 300 meters in dual meet competition. His best time was 37.56. He placed 9th at the ML12 League Meet.

Hunter Sands was named a Conference All-Star in the 55 meter hurdles — He had a best time of 8.72 in the 55 hurdles and had a 3-2 record in dual meet competition. In addition he was a 6-foot high jumper.

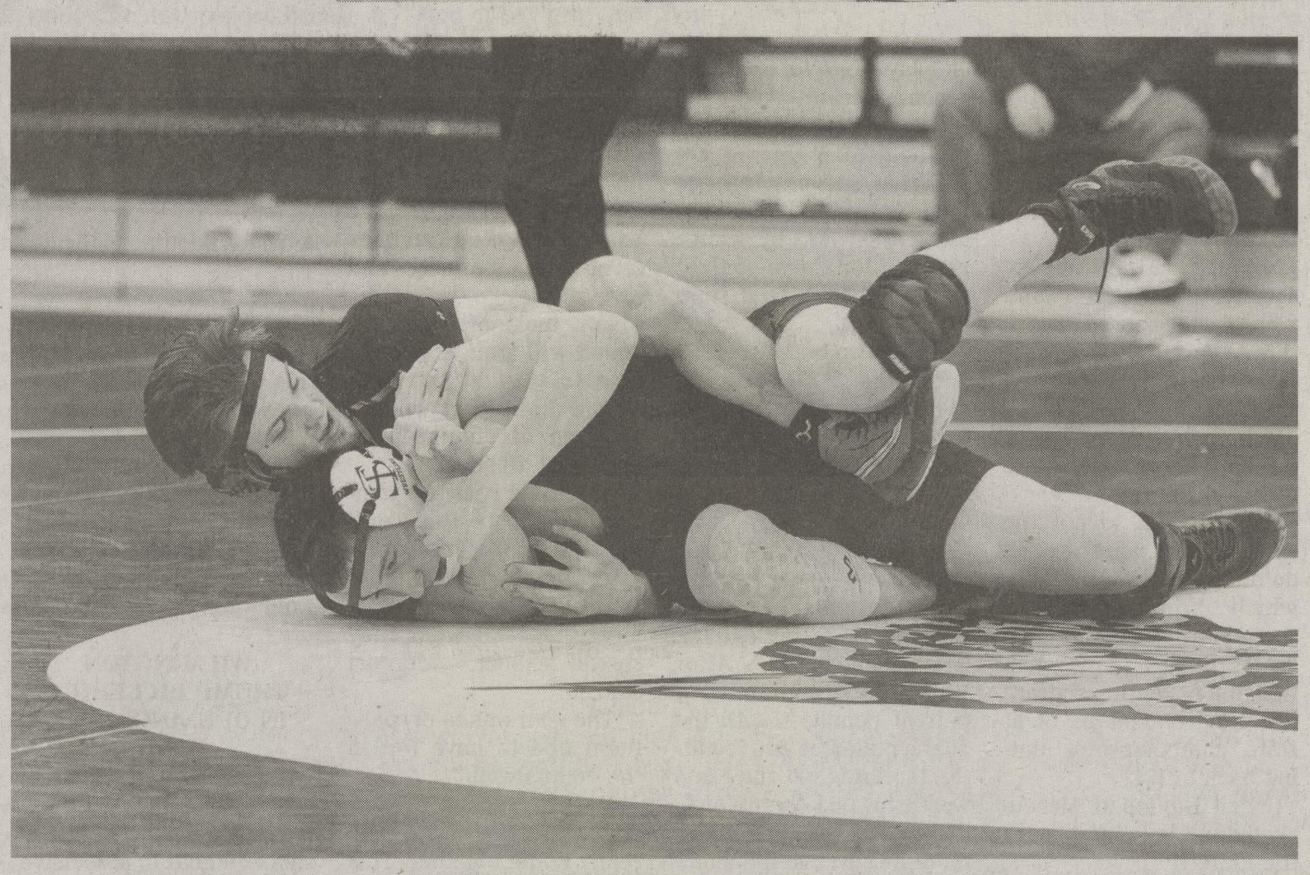
BASKETBALL

The Wilmington High boys and girls basketball teams both had an all-star selection.

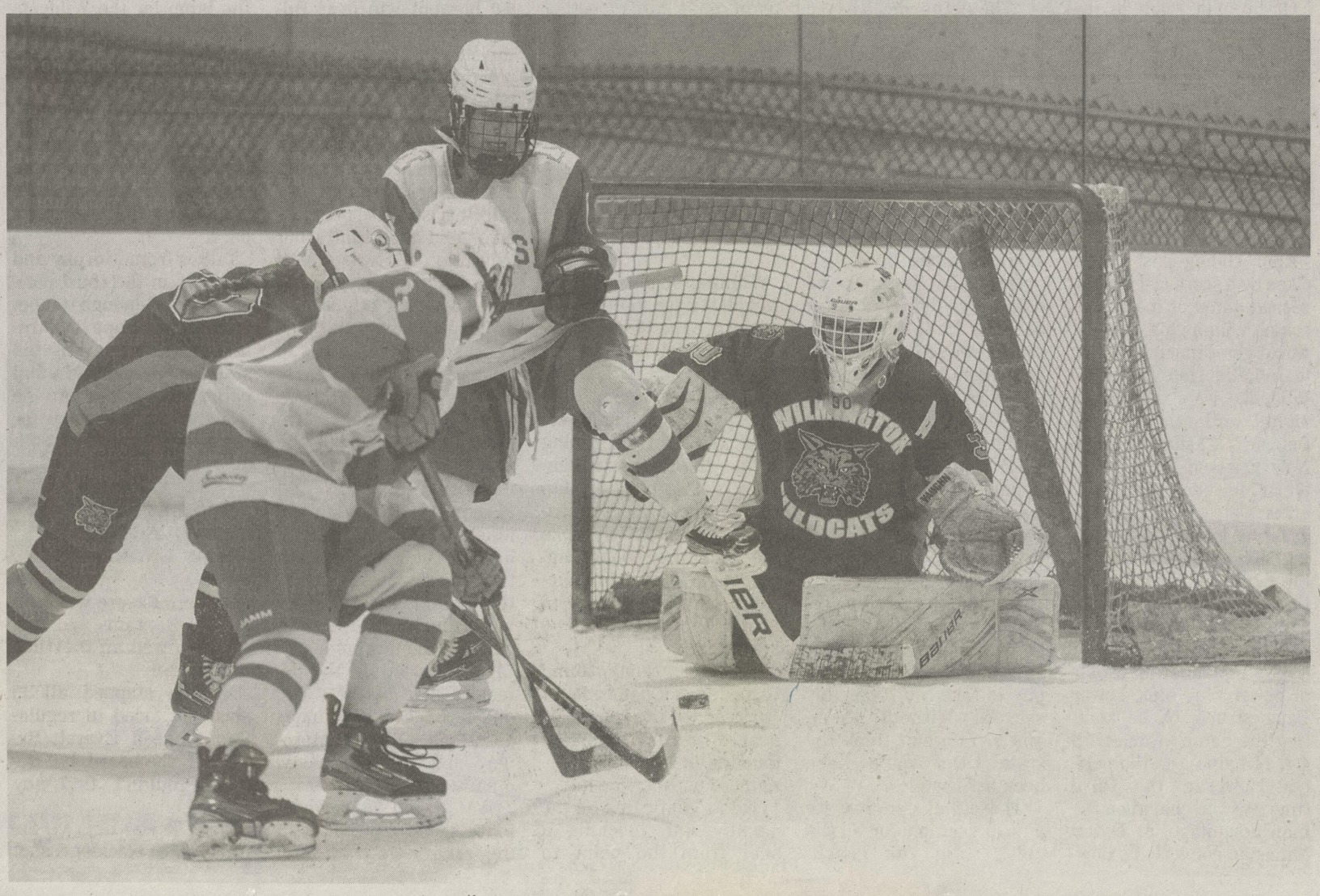
Senior Tiago Gomez was an all star for the boys and junior Eva Boudreau was honored for the girls. Boudreau helped WHS qualify for the state tournament and win its first playoff game.

▶ Wilmington's Tiago Gomez drives the ball past Dracut's Jeremy Fabre on his way to the basket. (James Thomas Photography)

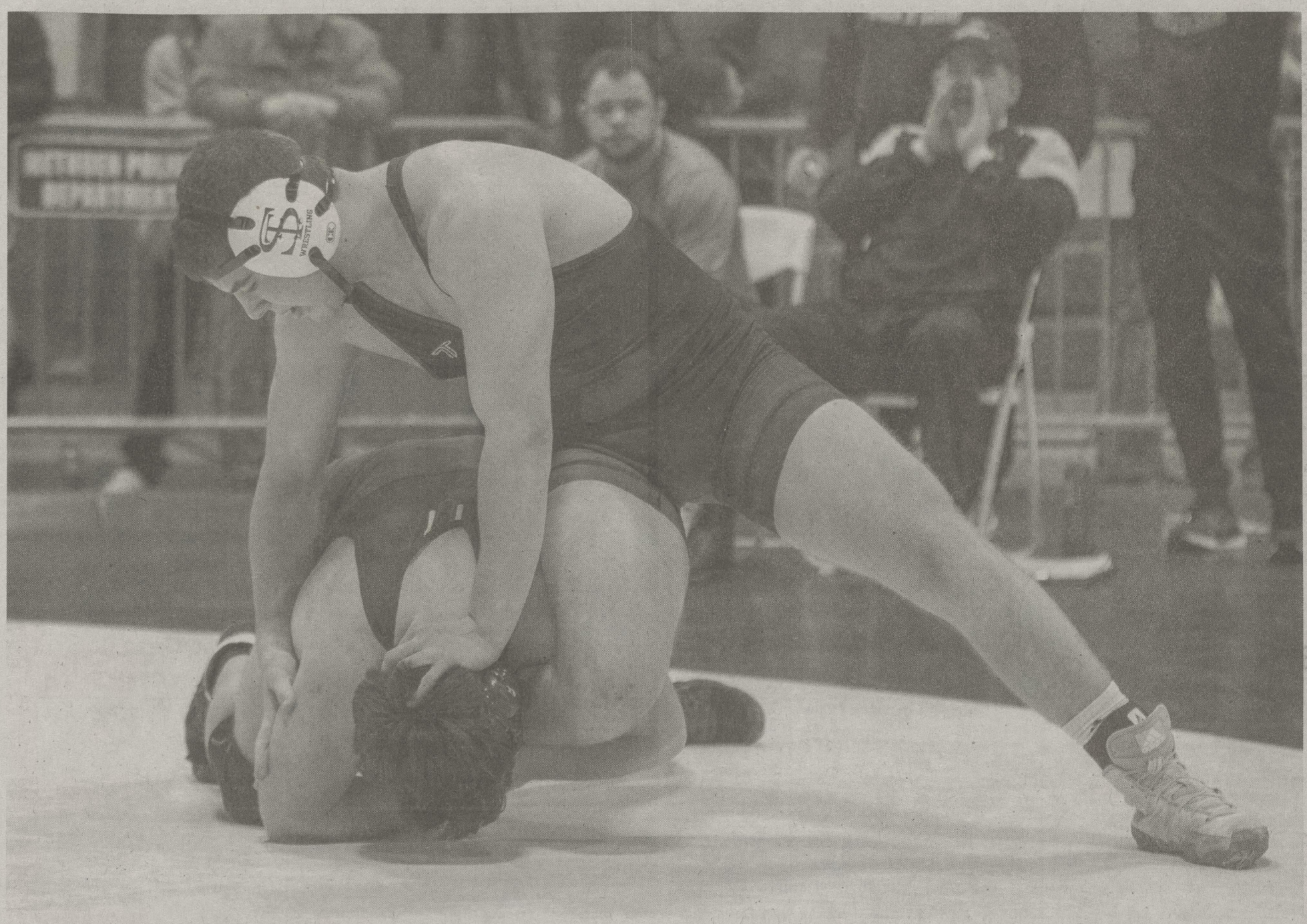
▶ Lily Mackenzie fires a slap shot past Zoe Blackburn of Melrose during second period action at Flynn Ice Rink. (James Thomas Photography)



▶ Wilmington's Julien Cella top applies a half nelson to Shawsheen Tech's Dom DiCenzo. Julien Cella won the match by pin. (James Thomas Photography)



▶ Wilmington/Stoneham goalie Maddie Salnato makes a great save against Melrose during third period action. (James Thomas Photography)



▲ Jake Metcalf was an all-star for the Shawsheen Tech wrestling team. (James Thomas Photography)

Shawsheen packs league all-star teams

Boys hockey has offensive and defensive MVPs

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The Shawsheen Tech boys hockey team had plenty of all stars this season after a memorable season that saw the Rams win the league, the state vocational championship and come one victory away from a trip to the state finals.

Marblehead, who edged Shawsheen in the Final Four, ended up winning the state title.

Senior Chase Darcey was named league MVP and was an All-League selection while senior goalie Mike Cedrone was the league's Defensive Player of the Year and was also an Al-League choice.

Also receiving all-star recognition was senior Liam Milne of Wilmington, senior Kyle Gray of Wilmington, junior Larry Cullity of Billerica, sophomore Jake Banda of Wilmington and sophomore Justin Thibert of Wilmington.

Darcey was selected to play in the Mass State Coaches Association Senior All-Star game.

Shawsheen's coaching staff was in charge of the North squad at the event.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Three members of the Shawsheen Tech girls basketball team were honored as league all stars this season.

Senior captain Lilly Dulong, a forward, junior captain Fiona Rexford, a center, and junior captain Izzy Ferguson, a forward, were all chosen by the Commonwealth Athletic Conference.

GIRLS HOCKEY

The Shawsheen Tech/Bedford High girls hockey team enjoyed a solid campaign that saw the Rams qualify for the state tournament.

Two members of the team earned all-star recognition for coach Mike Giordano's squad.

Freshman Violet Lorusso of Bedford and freshman Becca Sobol of Bedford were both selected by the league as all stars.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Two members of the Shawsheen Tech boys basketball team were named league all stars by the Commonwealth Athletic Conference.

Junior Matt Breen of Wilmington and junior Franck Moron of Billerica were both CAC standouts for the Rams.

Shawsheen reached the final of the state vocational tournament this season and qualified for the state tournament.

WRESTLING

The Commonwealth Athletic Conference wrestling all-star squad was packed with Shawsheen Tech wrestlers.

The Rams had a terrific season, winning the league, the state vocational tournament, before taking third in the Div. 1 North and the Div. 1 events. Shawsheen was second at the all-state tournament.

Recognized by the league was Dante Graziano at 113 pounds, Dante Giusti and Brayton Carbone at 120 pounds, Aiden Pimental at 126, Caleb Caceres at 132, James Tildsley at 138, Sid Tildsley at 144, Jake Metcalf at 175, Ryan Murphy at 190 and Dominic Chaffee at heavyweight.

SWIMMING

The Shawsheen Tech swimming and diving team had several Commonwealth Athletic Conference all stars.

Senior Jared Krueger won diving and took fourth in the butterfly.

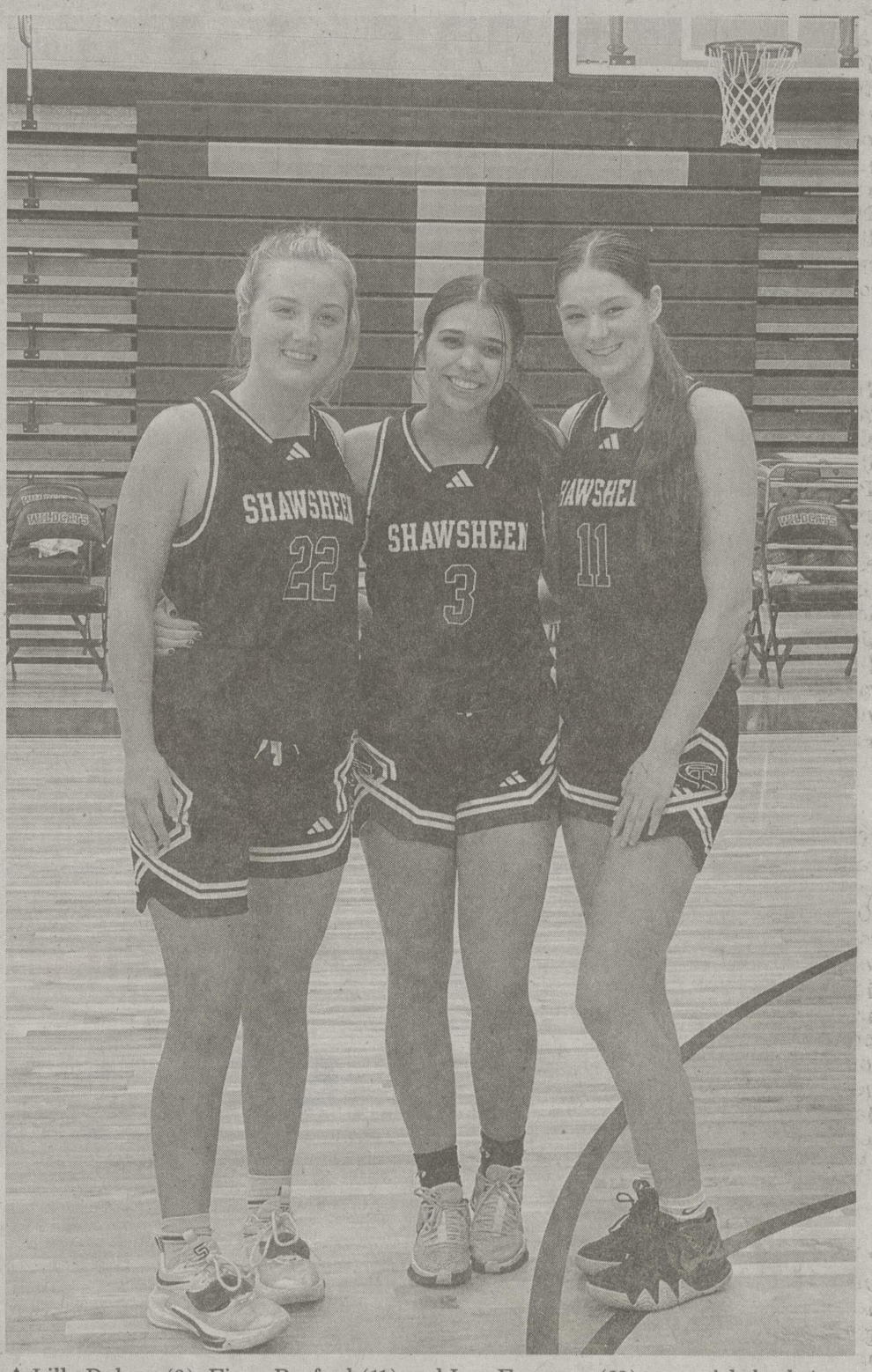
Junior Harrison Kinsella won the 50-yard freestyle and was third in the 100-yard freestyle.

Junior Eliot Hong was third in the breaststroke.

Sophomore Matthew Kilfoyle was fifth in the backstroke.

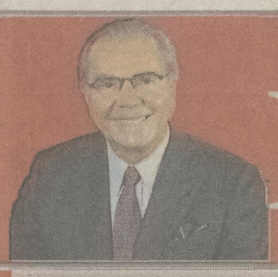
For the girls, junior Makayla Nolan was fifth in the 100-yard freestyle.

▲ Matt Breen had an all-star campaign for the Shawsheen boys basketball team. (James Thomas Photography)



▲ Lilly Dulong (3), Fiona Rexford (11) and Izzy Ferguson (22) were girls basketball all stars at Shawsheen. (Courtesy photo)

▲ Mike Cedrone was the Defensive Player of the Year for the Commonwealth Athletic Conference. (Photo by Doug Hastings)



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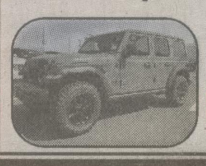
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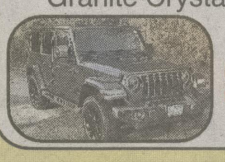
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